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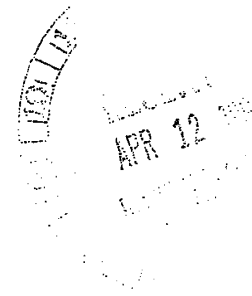
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March 7, 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, Room 1383
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012-3225



Ref # 91-165-5 transmit mix concrete

Dear Sir:

This is absurd, I can't believe this is even being considered. The community of Agua Dulce is continually interrupted over proposed development and Urban renewal. Why.... Because money talks; to local and city agencies and to the politicians controlling the tasks.

All the agencies within the jurisdiction of this issue have to consider a lot more than any benefits. At what cost? For instance. You are dealing with a community of population that has found refuge from the San Fernando Valley, with its high crime, low respect for the property, mostly populated by people that have no heart when it comes to appeal and value of their area and neighborhood. Santa Clarita and Simi Valley that is becoming nothing but solid roof-tops, with views of solid roof-tops. (We know where your priorities are) Agua Dulce residents have located and established this to be their pride and joy for a long time. We have a voice to control it and maintain its value and worth, and mostly its respect and the separation from just about every other city that it is in the tank or will be soon. We are not tract home people that want to look into our neighbor's bathroom window. Which is again a sign of nothing but greed and money, because the developer has chosen to squeeze one more house in to get one more dollar, and the politicians let him.

Stop letting benefits justify the costs, someone speak up and ask why are the rural neighborhoods victim to constant battle to protect the aesthetic appeal, and lifestyle. "No other town is worth a damn, so let's get where we can get the most for our buck?" That's the reputation all the local agencies have so why not live up to it. We expect incompetence and arrogance anyway.

Or. Let's consider the facts.

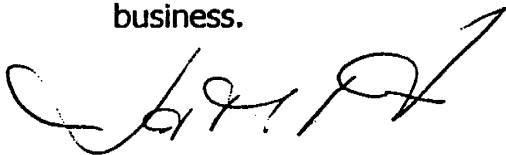
- 1) Agua Dulce backs up to the Angeles National Forrest. When does someone speak up for the natural wildlife that we have already invaded?.
- 2) Where are the details and discovery issues of the water table effects of the residents, the health and the health and welfare of our pets we have and

promised to keep protected. Who speaks up for them? It shouldn't be up to the residents to get you the facts. Make the concrete company work for it, Of course, to be verified, and validated.

- 3) What is the financial effects for the residents, or has no one bothered to consider those issues. Don't forget, **we** have to show up for work to get paid, we have a tenancy to... like ...want to protect what we have worked and saved for.
- 4) What are we going to do when this blasting creates flood plain issues and geological/topography problems in 5-10 years? Of course; we can come back to you and ask for trouble shooting help for that, right????
- 5) What are the impacts to our road, with all the heavy trucks or the environmental impacts with the dust clouds from the implosions?
- 6) How about the traffic issues from road closures, even though temporary. Our valley can hardly handle the "Diamond lane" and the "Retrofitting" now. (Review the stastictics of "fatal" and major impairments we have had with that).
- 7) Maybe we should consider the reverberation effect to our well systems from the ground movements.

WE NEED TO CONSIDER IT ALL**

Look, I am not an Attorney, or, an expert on environmental impact issues. I am a homeowner that wants to keep what we have to retire here. I want something to show for this town, which is a reflection of my contributions and respect for the neighborhood and its' residents. It is very important to say **no** to this proposal. It is not natural and it is not practical, when the concrete company has so many alternatives. Ripping out sides of mountains shows greed and inconsideration for issues that touches the people, (you remember us, we used to have some say with the way our dollars are spent and the way our decision makers represented us), animals and wildlife. The concrete company wants something, make them create their own sources... oh well the cost of doing business.



Jayne Hanna
Agua Dulce resident

Cc: Buck McKeon- US Representative- 25th District
Pete Knight, State Senator
George Runner, State Assembly- 36th District

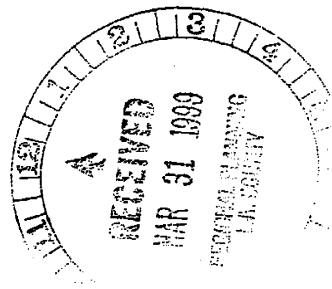
ROBERT E. ALDERMAN, JR.

A Professional Law Corporation

REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS LAW

March 30, 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street Room 1383
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225



Ref# C.P. #91-165-5 Transit Mix Concrete
Our file #04701

Dear Department of Regional Planning,

Both my law practice and my personal residence are in Agua Dulce. I relocated both to this area in 1986 because of the quiet country atmosphere.

I am very concerned that your department is apparently intending to seriously jeopardize those unique features by placing profit and economic gain above quality of life!

As you must already know, air quality in most parts of Los Angeles County already pose considerable health risks, including inducement of cancer as was recently reported in the media. The Agua Dulce area of L.A. County is one of the few remaining sections that does not experience poor air quality.

I urge you with utmost concern to reject each and every request for exploitation of the Agua Dulce area in every manner that would result in environmental damage and air pollution that is currently being contemplated by the Transit Mix Concrete issue referenced at the beginning of this letter.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. E. Alderman Jr.", followed by a horizontal line.

Robert E. Alderman Jr.

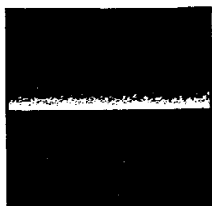
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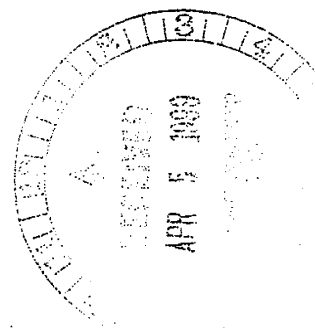
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April 1, 1999



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320 W. Temple Street
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Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225

CP91-165-5 TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in regard to the proposal for aggregate mining at Soledad Canyon Road and the 14 Freeway. Please cast my vote and that of my family's against this proposed mining operation.

We are new residents to Sand Canyon – a community chosen for its clean skies and tranquil country nature.

I am distressed that my family's health will suffer from daily exposure to unnecessary particulate matter, blasting vibrations and continuous noise.

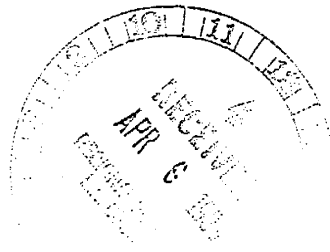
I am also worried about the effects of possible water contamination and the additional burden placed upon Santa Clarita's already strained water supply.

Please keep me apprised of the status of this proposal.

Yours truly,

Pamela Gordon
16310 Sultus Street
Canyon Country, CA 91351

cc: Jeffrey Lambert, AICP



Mrs. Catherine Hewitt
P.O. Box 1002 -
Canyon County

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2 April 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street - Room #1383 -
Los Angeles, California 90012-3225
Ref. # C.P. # 91-165-5 Transit Mix Concrete

To whom it may concern

I am TOTALLY APPALLED AND AGAINST allowing
surface mining by Portland Cement Concrete Sand & Gravel
to excavate 56.1 million tons of aggregate for approximately
30 years on land south of Fwy. 14 and west of Agua
Dulce Cyn. Rd. in 1999!!!

The water pollution, noise pollution, visual assault,
and negative impact on our air quality, ecological
impact and increased flooding, as well as general
health and safety CONCERNS ME IMMENSELY!!!

I DEMAND REJECTION of the mining permit and
WILL ACTIVELY SEEK TO ENGAGE THE CONCERN OF OUR
PRISTINE COMMUNITY AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE, MONETARILY
DRIVEN MOGULS who cannot be concerned with our
planet's survival through ecological rapine! And want
to ruin nature (for money^{\$\$\$} - unconcerned of future
generations) into oblivion and extinction!

I cannot but speak out LOUD AND AGGRESSIVELY
AGAINST such wanton annihilation!

Yours Most Sincerely
And Emphatically!!!

Mrs. Catherine Hewitt

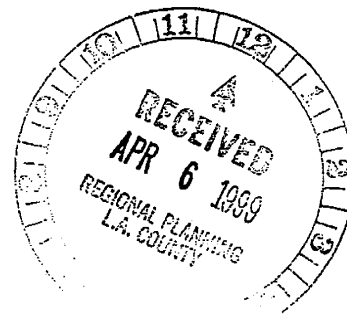
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April 4, 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, Room 1383
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225



RE: Ref # C.P. #91-165-5 TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE

Dear Sirs:

Please be advised that we are against the approval of a mining permit for the above referenced company and we demand that you reject the permit for the following reasons:

1. Major unavoidable negative impact on our Air Quality.
2. Noise Pollution (Dynamite Blasting 2-4 times per week over a 20 year period).
3. Water.
4. Ecological Impacts.
5. Increased flooding potential.
6. General public health and safety concerns.
7. Visual impacts.

In addition, I would like to request a postponement of the Regional Planning Hearing scheduled for April 21, 1999, since the effects of blasting, seismic impacts, and impacts on water tables are not clear in the Environment Impact Report, and should be investigated further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike & Mary Alexoff
Mike & Mary Alexoff

TIM & PATTY STOPPER
33493 Domino Hill
Agua Dulce, CA 91350
(661)268-8948

IO-6

April 4, 1999

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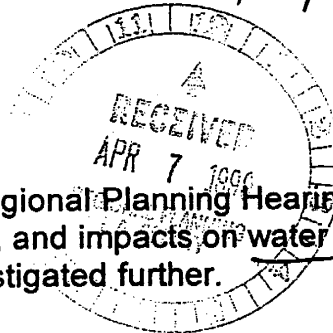
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3. Water. *← We are already concerned about this, especially in the summer.*
4. Ecological Impacts.
5. Increased flooding potential.
6. General public health and safety concerns.
7. Visual impacts.

In addition, I would like to request a postponement of the Regional Planning Hearing scheduled for April 21, 1999, since the effects of blasting, seismic impacts, and impacts on water tables are not clear in the Environment Impact Report, and should be investigated further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Stopper
Patty Stopper
Tim & Patty Stopper

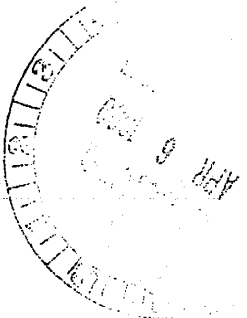
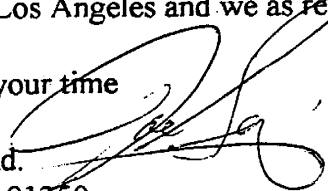


Department of Regional Planning
Re: transit mix operation.

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To whom it may concern, I as a resident of Agua Dulce strongly reject the possible issuance of a mining permit for the transit mix operation. I am requesting the hearing to be postponed because the effects of the blasting, seismic impacts, and impacts on the areas water tables are not clear in the EIR. If the mining operation is allowed to take place, the negative impact on our area will be intolerable. Blasting 2 to 4 times a week will significantly impact the air quality, water tables and piece of mind of all the surrounding residents as well as the residents that live "down stream". Our area is one of the few remaining rural areas within a reasonable distance of Los Angeles and we as residence do not want to see it commercialized at our expence

Thank You for your time
Joe Savatgy
34421 Harrah Rd.
Agua Dulce, Ca. 91350



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Dept. of Regional Planning

Reg. # C.P. # 91-165-5 transit
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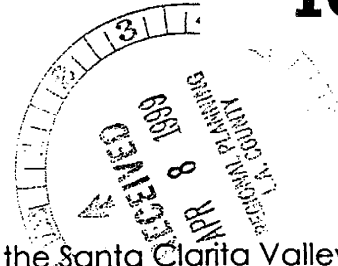
I am outraged that surface
mining of land just south
of the 14 freeway west of
Agua Dulce Cyn. road in 1999.
I have hated and loathed any
displacement of our beautiful
mountains and any one who
does it in any way. I have
lived here in this beautiful place
for 30 years and demand
rejection of any mining
Permits. Very Sincerely Yours
Douglas C. Henry

TO: DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
320 WEST TEMPLE STREET ROOM 1383
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012-3225

APRIL 5,

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REF. # C.P. #91-165-5 TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE



As of 6 months ago my husband and I became new residents to the Santa Clarita Valley. Prior to that we lived in the San Fernando Valley, more specifically, Sun Valley. My husband and I spent 7 months looking for a new home in a community that offered a rural lifestyle, (meaning acreage, horses, no street lights or curbs), safety, shopping and health amenities. After looking in Old Agoura, Topanga Canyon, Bell Canyon, Chatsworth, and as far as Grass Valley we landed in Sand Canyon in Santa Clarita where the lot sizes are bigger, the homes are unique, and where we can enjoy the clean air.

The thought of a mining company purposing to blast, haul and basically destroy the aesthetic draw to this valley is appalling! I lived a couple of miles from the cement company located on Tuxford and San Fernando Road in Sun Valley and the streets and freeway were a mess!! My cars were always dirty, the air was filthy, and we breathed that junk all day long! I suffered headaches, and sinus problems when I lived there. You can see the filth in the air when you cross from Santa Clarita Valley to the San Fernando Valley. Also, having had several years of first hand experience in following gravel trucks down the 5 freeway and sustaining damage to my car and windshield from falling dirt and rocks, I can see real dangers to commuters on the 14 freeway as people either try to enter or exit the flow of traffic with debris and rocks falling from the large trucks.

Why would anyone in their sane and logical mind consider granting a permit to one company capable of ruining thousands of people's lives with potential and certain health risks? In the six months that we have been here, there are approximately 2500 homes in the building phase off of Via Princessa including a school, in addition there are another 800+ homes being proposed off of Golden Valley Road. These are right next to each other and just a couple of miles from this mining project. When the Santa Anna winds blow it comes from the north. This means ALL the dirt and exhaust would blow right into the neighborhoods of thousands of families. There must be some other place in the state not located to an ever increasing residential growth where cheap aggregate can be mined.

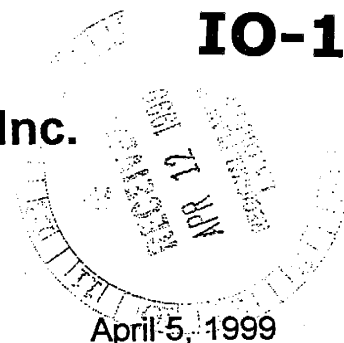
Please, PLEASE do the right and sensible thing and REJECT the mining permit. It is unacceptable!!

Laura and Mark King
26340 Ravenhill Road
Santa Clarita, Ca 91350-5020

CC: U.S. Representative "Buck" McKeon, 25th District
State Senator Pete Knight
State Assemblyman George Runner, 36th District

Polish Center in Los Angeles, Inc.

DBA River's End RV Park
13130 Soledad Canyon Road
Saugus, CA 91350



Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, Room 1383
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225

Ref. # C.P. #91-165-5 transit mix concrete

PROTEST:

We protest against the proposed surface mining of land project, because of the overwhelming impact it will have on the surrounding properties, including our property "River's End RV Park" located within 1000 feet of said proposed project, and the environment in the area.

The 20 million gallons of water per month taken from the aquifer and river will dry up the water supply needed in our RV Park and have a devastating impact on the local environment. Noise and air pollution created will make the park inhabitable. Flooding and water pollution will further compound the problem.

The damage caused by this project will far exceed the estimates and outweigh any consideration for the need of this operation. Damage to the neighboring properties will surely result in many, many millions of dollars. Ecological damage and the effects on health and safety will be significant and lasting.

This is why we respectfully demand rejection of the mining permit. We also request that the hearing at regional planning **be postponed because of improper notification** and because the impacts on the water table, effects of blasting and seismic impacts are not clear in EIR. The major unavoidable negative impact on the neighbors, their properties and the ecology is unacceptable.

This protest is made on behalf of the Polish Center in Los Angeles and the residents of River's End RV Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Chris Kolski'.

Phone: (818) 704-8017

FAX: (818) 704-8628

Chris C. Kolski,
President

Cc. file

Sup. Michael Antonovich
Rep. "Buck" McKeon
Sen. Pete Knight

April 6, 1999

Reference: C.P. #91-165-5 transit mixed concrete

Senior Planner
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street Room 1383
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225

To Whom It May Concern:

I have just read with dismay, TMC's proposal to surface mine in my community. Through words alone, I cannot convey to you the level of concern, anger and disappointment that I feel. I can only relate to you, as another American how disheartening it is to work so hard and finally enjoy the fruits of your labors. Only to have a faceless, unfeeling entity whose main interest is the bottom line, come in and destroy it for you. Truth be told, they are not undertaking such a huge project to make a better way of life for my neighbors.

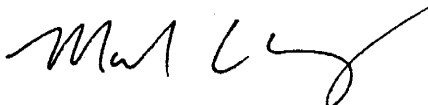
In our current world of toxic pollutants, it is a daunting task to find a community in which to raise a family where you can provide your children with half a fighting chance at attempting to grow up healthy. After 3 years of looking, saving and planning, I thought that I had found it. If TMC was allowed to proceed, the affect on this community would be devastating and possibly irreversible.

Without knowing exactly what the effects would be on the environment, using the adage, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" would be the proper course of action for this project. I am sure that with their resources, TMC could find a more suitable location, away from populated areas. If my community had to pay \$1.00 extra for a cubic yard of cement to avoid this, I am sure that there would be no argument.

In closing, I request no, demand that the mining permit for TMC be rejected due to its unavoidable significant environmental effects. Furthermore, as a member of the community of Agua Dulce, I consider this project and its effects unacceptable.

Please accept this letter as my formal request that the hearing scheduled for 4-21-99, be postponed.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Cruz

cc: Representative Buck McKeon
Senator Pete Knight
Assemblyman George Runner

D. SCOTT HENDRICKS

32267 Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd.
Agua Dulce, Calif. 91350-4617
Fax (661) 268 1208
Home Phone (661) 268 0228

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April 06, 1999

Dept. of Regional Planning
320 West Temple St., Rm. 1383
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012-3225

Re: Ref. # C.P. #91-165-5 Transit Mix Concrete

Dear Sirs:,

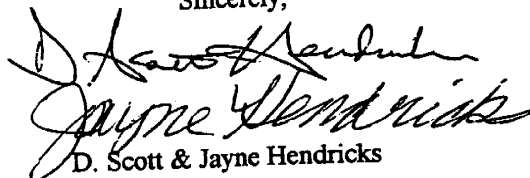
Please be advised that we are against the approval of a mining permit, for the above referenced company, in the Agua Dulce area.

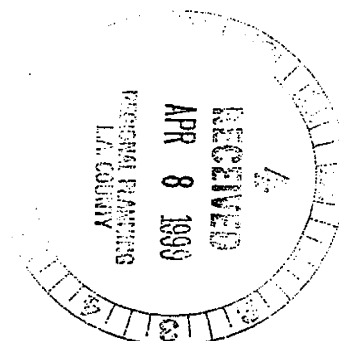
We respectfully request you to reject the permit, for the following reasons.

1. Noise Pollution. (Dynamite Blasting 2-4 times a week, over a 20 year period.)
2. Major , unavoidable negative impact on our Air Quality.
3. General Public health and safety concerns.
4. Visual impacts
5. Increase in Heavy Truck traffic, on inadequate roads.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,


D. Scott & Jayne Hendricks





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91311-4409 USA

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April 6, 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, Room 1383
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225

RE: C.P. #91-165-5 Transit Mix Concrete

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this letter to demand rejection of mining permit for surface mining of concrete. As a new resident to the area this is very disturbing. We moved here to enjoy the piece and quite of this wonderful community.

Please postpone the planning hearing till all the seismic impacts, water impacts and air quality in the area have been considered.

This concrete company has destroyed the area below Agua Dulce and now wants to move into this beautiful, quiet, tranquil community and start blasting away the mountains. Please consider the issues below:

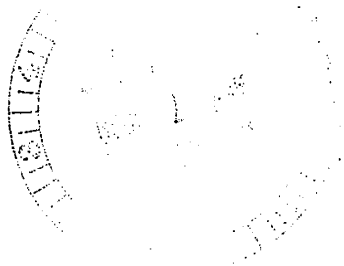
- Visual Impacts
- Noise Pollution
- Water tables, and water quality for the wells
- Ecological Impacts
- Health and Safety concerns.

Thank you for considering this issue.

Sincerely,

Leona M. Huber
Executive Assistant

cc: US Representative "Buck" McKeon
State Senator Pete Knight
State Assemblyman George Runner



To: L. A. Dept. of Regional Plan
320 W. Temple St. R. 1383
L. A., CA 90012-3225

Ref: #C. P. # 91-165-5
Transit Mix Concrete

Please! Please!

REJECT MINNING
PERMIT.

This will Be So
Destructive

[Signature]

Mrs + Mrs. Carl Eugenio
12124 Spade Spring
Agua Dulce, CA 91350



Dept of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple St.
Room 1383

Los Angeles, CA
- 90012-3225

Curtis Sand & Gravel

April 8, 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, Room 1383
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012-3225

ref: C.P. #91-165-5 Transit Mixed Concrete

Dear Sirs;

I am writing to express some grave concerns about the proposed Sand & Gravel Mining project contemplated in the above application. My interest is somewhat unusual since I am the owner of the surface of the property involved in this permit application. I am also a competitor of Transit Mixed Concrete Company (TMC).

I operated a sand & gravel plant on that property for over 15 years, until a change in the federal definition of reserved minerals caused me to lose my rights to the underlying gravel and sand(?).

After a cursory review of the Operation Plan submitted by TMC it has become very clear to me that some of the planned operations that are not discussed in the Draft EIR. Since I am very familiar with the operation that particular pit and knowledgeable of the industry in general it is my opinion that some of their plans and proposed solutions are not feasible.

There are some major irreversible environmental impacts that can not be overlooked. Most of the impacts can be mitigated, but would require a much smaller scale operation than is proposed by TMC. Some of my concerns are enumerated as follows:

- ▶ Air quality
 - Truck Exhaust
 - Air borne dust

- ▶ Water pollution and supply
 - No provision for production waste settling ponds
 - Do they REALLY have the water and/or water rights that they say they have?
- ▶ Traffic Issues
 - The drastic increase of truck traffic on ALL the roads leading to the location are going to be much more pronounced than is alluded to in their plan and EIR.
- ▶ Mine Wastes
 - Their plan shows that they will leave over 26 million tons of waste material on the surface of my property when they finish the 20 year permit. This amounts to a very dangerous, and unsound situation.

Although it is true that we were the only other bidder that submitted a bid for the materials on the site, our proposed operations were much smaller in scale and more friendly to the community and the environment.

Throughout a 12 year battle with the BLM over the rights to this property, we have experienced any number of acts by the BLM that show a nearly complete disregard for our rights as property owner, as well as the rights of the taxpayers of the United States. To the contrary it is my opinion that they have made numerous decisions that seem to be in contradiction with my understanding of the rules provided in CFR (Code Of Federal Regulations) 43, which governs this type of sale by the government.

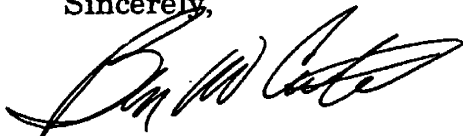
With this knowledge, I have great concern about the way the BLM might treat the County and the community as a whole when they enforce terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has been negotiated between them and the State of California. This MOU provides for control over operations like this to be controlled in a major way by the BLM. This leaves the County of Los Angeles, and its residents at the mercy of the BLM. This is not a very attractive position as I see it.

There has been a lot of comment by both TMC and the BLM about the income producing benefit to the United States from payments for the materials sold

from the site. To my knowledge, TMC has yet to pay the government anything since the signing of the contract. This means that for nearly 8 years, the BLM and TMC have effectively "pigeon-holed" this resource so that they can benefit from it when the market will be better able to absorb the quantities they propose to produce. This is without regard, again, to the applicable provisions of the CFR in this case as we understand them. Had the contract been awarded to my company, the United States could have realized a payment of nearly Six and a half million dollars (\$6,500,000.00) during the same period of time.

In my opinion, this Operational Plan is not a good one for the county and the environment surrounding the pit. The greatly needed aggregates can be removed from the pit without the negative impacts that will surely result from TMC's plan. It is very clear that they plan to ship materials as far as southern Orange County from this location. Is it reasonable to assume that the people of this local area should suffer the indignities of this operation and the arrogance of the BLM for the benefit of consumers well outside the normal delivery/consumption area for these products? I think not.

Sincerely,



Ben W. Curtis
President

cc: The Honorable Howard, "Buck", McKeon, U.S. Representative
The Honorable Pete Knight, California State Senator
The Honorable George Runner, California Assemblyman

April 8, 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street Room 1383
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225

Ref: # C.P. #91-165-5 transit mix concrete

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter to voice my objection to having any concrete company mining near my home in Agua Dulce. In 1993 my family moved here to get away from the noise, and pollution of the big city and enjoy the quiet atmosphere and peace provided here.

We have been informed that our beautiful area could have a negative visual impact if mining is permitted. This would also include noise from blasting which could affect not only my nerves, but also that of my horses, dogs and birds. Besides there would be untold ecological impacts and safety concerns in our neighborhood.

I demand rejection of any mining permit requested in our surrounding area and hope you will be concerned as I am about the impact your decision will have on this community.

Sincerely,

Denise Flinders

Denise Flinders
32455 Agua Dulce Cyn Rd.
Agua Dulce, CA 91350-4626

April 8, 1999

Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street Room 1383
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3225

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Sincerely,



Robert F. Flinders
32455 Agua Dulce Cyn Rd.
Agua Dulce, CA 91350-4626

April : **IO-18**

Dept. of Regional Planning,

We are writing to ask you to please,
reject the mining permit for the
proposed surface mining of land just
south of the freeway, west of Agua Dulce
Canyon road in 1999. The impact of
this mining project will affect our
pristine air here in Agua Dulce as
well as the noise pollution, water
and our general health.

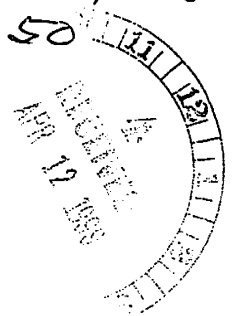
Thank you

Joe & Polly Staats

33232 Casa Dulce Ln.

Agua Dulce, CA

91350



Berta Gonzalez-Harper
 27210 Plumwood Avenue
 Santa Clarita, California 91351
 (661) 251-0056 home
 (661) 251-2199 work

April 13, 1999
 Ms. Julia Moore, Dept. of Regional Planning
 Tel # (213) 974-6443 Fax # (213) 626-0434

Ms. Moore:

I am a resident of Santa Clarita and attended a community meeting last evening regarding the proposed L.A. County Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project. As I am sure you are aware, this project involves surface mining of approximately 83 million tons of aggregate (sand & gravel) on a 460-acre site just outside the eastern boundary of the City of Santa Clarita. This site is proposed for both surface mining and concrete processing over a twenty year period for this particular company with the possibility of another company or this same company being granted a new contract after the initial twenty year period has elapsed. I have many concerns regarding this project and do not feel that its approval would be in the best interest of the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley. The major points I am concerned with, not in any particular order, are as follows:

- The increased traffic, which would result from an additional 754 truck trips phase 1 and 1,224 truck trips phase 2 operating 24 hours per day. These are Transit Mixed Concrete figures. Our freeways, both the 14 and the 5, and surface streets are already overloaded and cannot absorb the additional traffic this project and all the new residential development projects already approved will create.
- The additional air pollution generated by the trucks as well as the pollution from equipment at the site and the mining process itself. The air quality in the Santa Clarita Valley is bad enough already. The additional dust particles released into our air would pose another problem. The air quality modules used for TMC's studies involve data from 1981! Even TMC admits they cannot completely mitigate the increase in air pollution using even their 1981 based models. Please, we have many more people, vehicles and other sources of pollution in our valley that have surfaced since 1981.
- Speaking of surfacing, no information was available regarding what bacterium or viruses could or would be released into the atmosphere as a result of this mining operation. I am very concerned about "Valley Fever" spores, Hanta Virus and other potentially deadly strains, which are known to be released during earthquakes and other disturbances of earth, being unleashed upon an unsuspecting population.
- The proposed blasting events twice per week phase 1, 4 times per week phase two. Aside from the noise and dust produced, we live in an area that is prone to earthquake faults and events. According to the owner of an adjacent mine, Dan Curtis, it is unnecessary to blast if as TMC claims they are using "state of the art equipment".
- TMC would be able to mine 25 miles further North near Littlerock in the Antelope Valley. This site is in a less populated area and very near to established rail facilities. TMC has said rail costs would be prohibitive. I would like to see more effort put into exploring the Littlerock site and transportation by rail at whichever site is approved. The costs of these alternatives should be presented to the communities impacted so that a more informed decision can be arrived at.

In closing, I am opposed to this project going forward because of all the concerns that I do not feel can be mitigated satisfactorily. The increased traffic, pollution, noise, health, and other concerns all add up to undesirable quality of life issues. The project would create too many problems for the citizens of the Santa Clarita Valley and adjacent areas without providing sufficient offsetting benefits.

Sincerely,

Cc: Santa Clarita Mayor Jo Anne Darcy
 Assemblyman George Runner
 Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

Richard & Bonnie Lombardo
14201 Everglades Ct
Canyon Country, CA 91351
661/ 251-8508

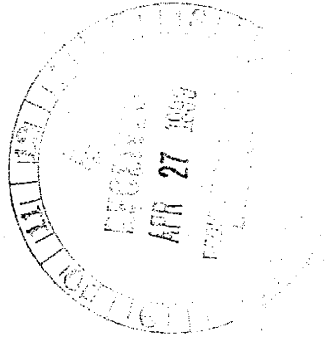
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PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA

April 19, 1999

Mr. Jeffrey Lambert
Director of Planning & Development
City of Santa Clarita
23920 Valencia Blvd.
Santa Clarita, CA 91355



Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Mining Project #91165

Dear Mr. Lambert,

We are writing to you as *VERY* concerned citizens of the City of Santa Clarita. We believe that the proposed Transit Concrete mining project will directly and negatively impact us. My husband and I are senior citizens, he being 68 years and myself being 58. It is our fear that the dust and pollutants from the blasting and crushing of the aggregate will be dangerous and destructive to our respiratory systems. Considering that they will be blasting twice a week for the first 10 years and 4 times a week for the second ten years using 9,000 pounds worth of explosives each time (only 900 lbs were used at Oklahoma City), it is inconceivable to us that pollutants from this can be kept contained.

We just bought our brand new home at The Heights at Stone Crest. The news of this mining project is a complete surprise to us. It is really frustrating that the public is not informed until something like this is "a done deal"! Don't we as homeowners and good citizens have a right to know up front when a project of this magnitude is being proposed?! Besides affecting our health and the environment, this will most likely affect our property values negatively.

Another concern is the truck traffic. I enter the freeway at Shadow Pines/Soledad Cyn on-ramp each morning to go to work. The traffic there already is heavy. Just this morning it took me 6 minutes to get up the freeway ramp – and they haven't even started the project yet. They say that there will be a truck entering the freeway every 1.2 seconds when this thing starts. How in the world did something like that get approved??

Mr. Lambert, we are really frustrated and deeply distressed. It appears that the move into our beautiful new home that we looked forward to for so long has become a huge disaster! We (and our neighbors) would be most grateful for any assistance you could afford us.

Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Rich + Bonnie Lombardo

CHARLES ROBERT KNIGHT
29459 N MAMMOTH LANE
CANYON COUNTRY CA 91351
661.298.1747

April 25, 1999

Mr. George Pederson
Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

RE: TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CO.
PERMIT NO. 91-165-(5)

Dear Mr. Pederson

I am writing this letter to you as a concerned homeowner of the Stonecrest development in Canyon Country. It has recently come to my attention that the Transit Mixed Concrete Company is proposing surface mining of land just 2 miles east of my new home. It is reported that TMC proposes to excavate 83 million tons of aggregate material on 460 acres over the next 20 years, beginning June 1999. This letter is to request that you, and the other members of the Regional Planning Commission, *reject this proposal* for the following reasons:

- ♦ *The Environmental Impact Report that was begun in 1991 does not include the new construction of the Stone Crest development*, which lies just 2 miles due west of the proposed mining site. There are in excess of 300 families now residing in our development, with 200-500 proposed new homes yet to be constructed.
- ♦ *Significant health hazards* have been identified by the Environmental Impact Report indicating that *safe air quality levels cannot be achieved* by this proposed mining project. *Pollutants will exceed Federal levels*. The mining will generate particulate matter in the air for many miles, and will reach to all corners of the Santa Clarita Valley during periods of high winds, for which this area is well-known. Not all fugitive particulates can be suppressed. Severe pulmonary diseases including allergies, asthma and chronic coughs; worsening of existing lung diseases; pulmonary silicosis and Valley Fever, which is a potentially fatal air-borne spore, are all probable outcomes of this excessive project.
- ♦ *Significant Deleterious Impact to Local Environment*. Daily Operations and Noise generated by this proposed project are significant. TMC proposes the use of ~9000 lbs of explosives 2-4 times per week over the 20-year proposed life of this

project. We have been informed that there are other, more favorable, methods of mining the land that do not include the use of explosives, however these options have apparently not been considered by TMC due to the increased cost this method would incur. The Santa Clarita Valley will be significantly altered by the excessive noise, pollution, traffic and vibrations from explosives and 1100 daily truck trips on Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14 that this project will generate.

- ♦ Significant Fire Hazards exist with the proposed project. The site area is described by the Forester and Fire Warden as Fire Zone 4, which is a high fire-hazard area. It is proposed that thousands of gallons of diesel, propane, fresh and waste oil, and hydraulic fluid tanks will be housed on a fuel island within the proposed mining site. Additionally, explosives will be transported across Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14, endangering the safety and well-being of all residents of the Santa Clarita Valley.
- ♦ Significant Water Use and Pollution Hazards exist. The Santa Clarita River is the only source of water available for use in this project. It is a major regional source and movement corridor for wild life. Up to 870,000 gallons of water will be consumed daily by the operation of this project. The entire project site then drains into the Santa Clarita river. Since our water is a combination of imported and local well-water, the pollution to the ground water will be significant and health hazards will effect all residents and wildlife of the Santa Clarita Valley. Additionally, this major water usage will surely strain an already drought-prone area in the event of an actual water shortage.
- ♦ Endangered Species inhabit the proposed mining site area. Several sensitive species of fish including the Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus platyrhynchus*) and Arroyo Chub (*Gila orcutti*) live in the vicinity of the project. Most importantly, the unarmored threespine stickleback fish (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*) is formally listed as a State and Federal Endangered Species and resides at the site of excavation and processing.

We have chosen to make the Santa Clarita Valley our home after decades of living within three miles of the Los Angeles International Airport. We were drawn to this area for its clean air, rural surroundings, excellent schools and family atmosphere. We are extremely concerned that the passage of this mining project will have deleterious health, environmental and aesthetic effects on this region, and negatively impact the legacy we have all worked so hard for to ensure that our children have an environmentally healthy community in which to learn and grow. This project must be stopped. I urge you to reject the proposal of the Transit Mixed Concrete Company.

Sincerely,



Charles Robert Knight

April 25, 1999



Steven Silveri
29366 N. Hidden Oak Pl.
Canyon Country, CA 91351

Regional Planning Commissioners
320 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CO SURFACE MINING PROJECT:
PROJECT 91165, CASE #SM91165

To Whom It May Concern:

It has recently come to my attention that the above mentioned project may begin in June of 1999. This letter is to advise all the addressed parties that I strongly oppose this project due to the health hazards and total negative impact it will have on the entire Santa Clarita Community.

Please respond to this letter by actively supporting this Community in its endeavors in having this hazardous project and its possible approval rejected.

Thank you for your consideration. Your active support will be remembered and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Steven Silveri
Registered Voter

Cc: Linda Kirk
Nature Conservancy
Sierra Club
Mike Antonovich
Julie Moore
✓Dr. Daryl Koutnik
Pete Knight
Theodore C. Smith
Barbara Boxer
Dianne Feinstein

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April 25, 1999

Mr. George Pederson
Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

RE: TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CO.
PERMIT NO. 91-165-(5)

Dear Mr. Pederson

I am writing this letter to you as a concerned homeowner of the Stonecrest development in Canyon Country. It has recently come to my attention that the Transit Mixed Concrete Company is proposing surface mining of land just 2 miles east of my new home. It is reported that TMC proposes to excavate 83 million tons of aggregate material on 460 acres over the next 20 years, beginning June 1999. This letter is to request that you, and the other members of the Regional Planning Commission, *reject this proposal* for the following reasons:

- ♦ *The Environmental Impact Report that was begun in 1991 does not include the new construction of the Stone Crest development* which lies just 2 miles due west of the proposed mining site. There are in excess of 300 families now residing in our development, with 200-500 proposed new homes yet to be constructed.
- ♦ *Significant health hazards* have been identified by the Environmental Impact Report indicating that *safe air quality levels cannot be achieved* by this proposed mining project. *Pollutants will exceed Federal levels*. The mining will generate particulate matter in the air for many miles, and will reach to all corners of the Santa Clarita Valley during periods of high winds, for which this area is well-known. Not all fugitive particulates can be suppressed. Severe pulmonary diseases including allergies, asthma and chronic coughs; worsening of existing lung diseases; pulmonary silicosis and Valley Fever, which is a potentially fatal air-borne spore, are all probable outcomes of this excessive project.
- ♦ *Significant Deleterious Impact to Local Environment*. Daily Operations and Noise generated by this proposed project are significant. TMC proposes the use of ~9000 lbs of explosives 2-4 times per week over the 20-year proposed life of this

project. We have been informed that there are other, more favorable, methods of mining the land that do not include the use of explosives, however these options have apparently not been considered by TMC due to the increased cost this method would incur. The Santa Clarita Valley will be significantly altered by the excessive noise, pollution, traffic and vibrations from explosives and 1100 daily truck trips on Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14 that this project will generate.

- ♦ Significant Fire Hazards exist with the proposed project. The site area is described by the Forester and Fire Warden as Fire Zone 4, which is a high fire-hazard area. It is proposed that thousands of gallons of diesel, propane, fresh and waste oil, and hydraulic fluid tanks will be housed on a fuel island within the proposed mining site. Additionally, explosives will be transported across Soledad Canyon Road and State Route 14, endangering the safety and well-being of all residents of the Santa Clarita Valley.
- ♦ Significant Water Use and Pollution Hazards exist. The Santa Clarita River is the only source of water available for use in this project. It is a major regional source and movement corridor for wild life. Up to 870,000 gallons of water will be consumed daily by the operation of this project. The entire project site then drains into the Santa Clarita river. Since our water is a combination of imported and local well-water, the pollution to the ground water will be significant and health hazards will effect all residents and wildlife of the Santa Clarita Valley. Additionally, this major water usage will surely strain an already drought-prone area in the event of an actual water shortage.
- ♦ Endangered Species inhabit the proposed mining site area. Several sensitive species of fish including the Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus platyrhynchus*) and Arroyo Chub (*Gila orcutti*) live in the vicinity of the project. Most importantly, the unarmored threespine stickleback fish (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*) is formally listed as a State and Federal Endangered Species and resides at the site of excavation and processing.

We have chosen to make the Santa Clarita Valley our home after decades of living within three miles of the Los Angeles International Airport. We were drawn to this area for its clean air, rural surroundings, excellent schools and family atmosphere. We are extremely concerned that the passage of this mining project will have deleterious health, environmental and aesthetic effects on this region, and negatively impact the legacy we have all worked so hard for to ensure that our children have an environmentally healthy community in which to learn and grow. This project must be stopped. I urge you to reject the proposal of the Transit Mixed Concrete Company.

Sincerely,


Bess Levin Knight

April 26, 1999

Dr. Daryl Koutnik
Dept. of Regional Planning
County of Los Angeles Impact Analysis Section
Room 1348
320 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Reference: Transit Mixed Concrete Company's proposed Rock Quarry Expansion - Permit no. 91-165-5

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Best regards,

Bonnie Schilf
14208 West Sequoia Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351

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CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
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Jeffery Lambert
Santa Clarita Director of Planning and Development
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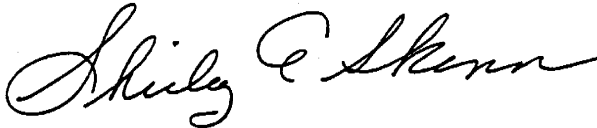
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What does such a project say about this country if we aren't concerned about our health? There have been too many times that the future of our country has been sold out for money.

Please do what's right and protect us from health hazards, protect our environment, the air quality of our Valley. Do not sell out our future and the future of this lovely Santa Clarita Valley.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shirley A. Skinner". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name being the most prominent.

Mrs. Shirley A. Skinner
15814 Cindy Court
Canyon Country, CA 91351

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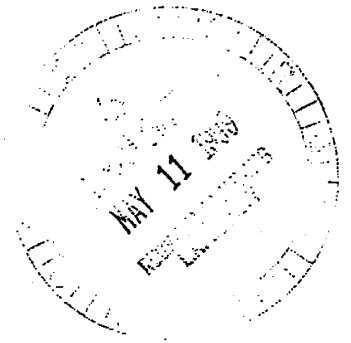
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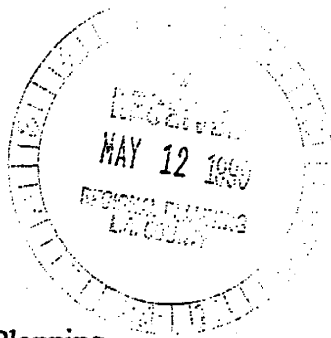
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Jacqueline Siddens
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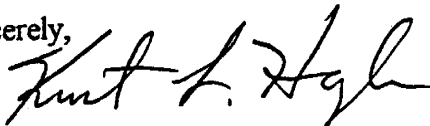
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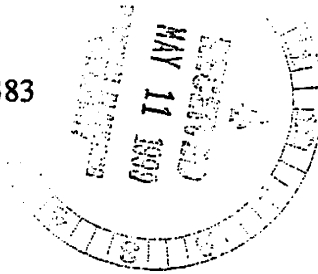
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Sincerely,



Kurt L. Hayden
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I look forward to your response.

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Kurt L. Hayden
11705 Laramie Way
Agua Dulce, CA 91350
661-268-0084
fax 661-268-0363

To Whom It May Concern:

As a concerned citizen and a resident of Canyon Country, Los Angeles County, I am writing to strongly protest the proposed expansion of the rock quarry in our neighborhood.


We residents and taxpayers have the right to safeguard our environment and quality of health which would be threatened by the expansion requested by Transit Mixed Concrete Co. This expansion represents a danger to our total environment. Our air quality would suffer, we would be exposed to hazardous chemicals and fuels, and our roads would be clogged with dual semi trucks every day.

The children in the area would suffer from air pollution, danger of more accidents on our roads, our usual high winds would spread dust of a toxic nature and our wildlife and fragile desert plant life would suffer as well.

Bearing in mind the beauty of this high desert area, it is a mistake to allow this expansion which would put at risk the health of residents (especially children) wildlife and natural vegetations

Please give us your support in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,


 Leo Goldman
 29303 Mammoth Lane
 Canyon Country, CA 91351

May 10, 1999

Julie Moore,
Project Planner
Dept of Regional Planning
C/O Los Angeles Impact Analysis Section
Room 1348
320 W. Temple St
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May 13, 1999

Dear Julie Moore:

Please consider our concerns about suddenly discovering that Transit Mixed Concrete has plans to blow up the hills of La County near Canyon Country in Santa Clarita and near the LA National forest and near our homes. I live in the Stonecrest community just a few miles away from the 'proposed' site and I am completely shocked that the community has been kept in the dark. I can only assume the reasons behind the secrecy of this project were because it was obvious that no one in the area would benefit from it and therefore it was rightly assumed we would be against it. We are! Now I find that there is yet another concrete company - CalMet Concrete - that wants to operate here as well!

I live here - and I moved here thinking I had better air quality than in other parts of LA. I walk here, I see animals and wildlife that live here too. It is a windy area. I have no doubt there will be dust and particles in the air that will be harmful to my allergies. This area could be ruined by this project. I know nothing of the quality of this company's work. I just moved here last summer. Had there been any talk of this last summer, I would not have moved here! I will surely want to move out if this begins - if I can sell the house. We came to this area because we didn't want to be around these large projects. I am extremely concerned about my health, air quality, amazing amount of water usage and pollution, and complete secrecy of this plan. I don't even have time to educate myself on what all of my concerns should be! We all have to scurry to have any concerns heard at all.

I want to hear answers and solutions to our concerns. The consideration Transit Mixed Concrete and CalMet Concrete have for our community's well being and quality of life, and what they have already planned to do to help us after doing what they know will hurt us?

This was not a community informed situation and I am disappointed and stunned at the lack of consideration for the neighboring community by anyone involved. Was I informed? No - I was recently informed by a neighbor. Prior to that, how did they inform me - the public just 3 miles away? They didn't. Perhaps at this late date, we will be more easily ignored.

Can you consider this situation as well planned and a job well done?

Extremely Urgent and Sincere,



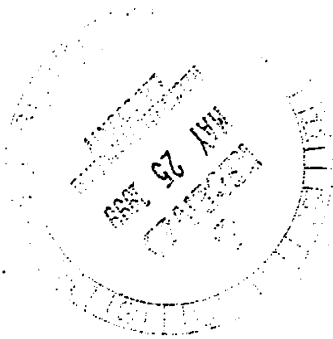
Tresa Rudert
14218 W Yellowstone Lane
Canyon Country, CA 91351
661-250-8150

Please address these concerns:

- A. First, what are the complaints of other residents who live within a few miles of their other projects of this size?
- B. What has been done about them and in what time frame?
- C. Can we be given references to speak with who live near their other blasting sites and will vouch for their quality of operation and concern for the areas in which they operate?
- D. Has there been an environmental impact study and is it available to us?
- E. Does this kind of blasting cause health concerns or aggravate any health conditions?
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- G. While walking near the site, I have seen birds, coyotes, rabbits etc. near the water. What change of water quality will the animals that survive on the river water experience? What can we expect the results will be for the wildlife?
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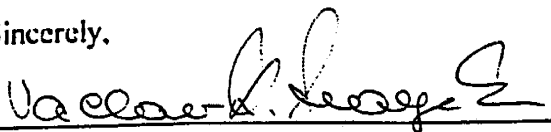
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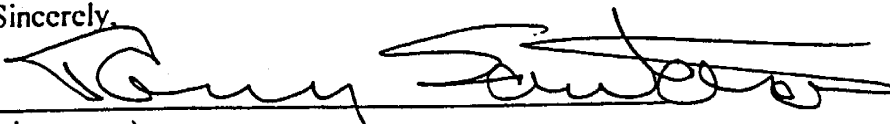
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To whom it may concern,

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Agua Dulce has been my home for 6 yrs., it is a very peaceful, quiet, and fun town to live in. Out here most of us own horses, all our friends get together and go on rides. Hearing of this destruction has made me very upset! Our life styles will have to change in a very unwanted manner.

My family and I moved out to this wonderful town to specifically live in a quiet environment, and so that my brother and I could grow up in a safe clean environment. Every morning I look out my window to the clear, beautiful, blue skies and colorful sunset. I would hate for all of this to be taken away, especially after this was the reason for moving.

It would be very much
appreciated if you could stop
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to not only my home, but many
others as well. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Karyl Wilson

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1915 Trail Rd.
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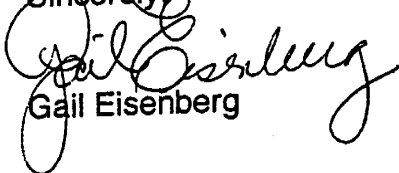
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It seems sometimes that when studies are done it doesn't matter what they say, if a person has money and clout they get their way anyway. Well maybe in the matter of this project it can be different. Please help!!!!!!

Sincerely,


Gail Eisenberg

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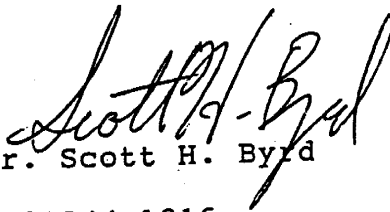
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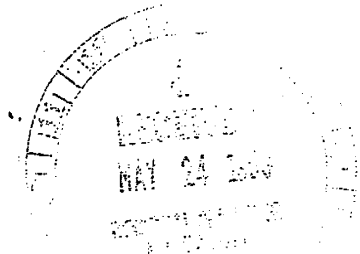
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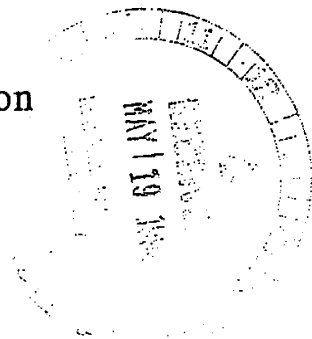
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RE: Transit Mixed Concrete Co. Surface Mining Project
Dear Planning Commissioners;

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Sincerely,
The Teresi Family
from Canyon Country

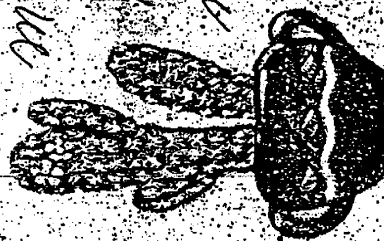
Teresi Family

May 19, 1982

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES
COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND

To whom it may concern,

I, a resident of the Santa Clara Valley, wish to express my opposition to the proposed Forest Management Group proposal of surface mining east of the 17 and divided Canyon Road. I have written and certainly don't want any more pollution in the air. We already have too much movement of dirt because of all the new housing -



Our very reasons for moving
to the Santa Clarita Valley
more than 10 years ago, fresh
air, uncrowded conditions are
already threatened.

Thank you

Morley Lewis

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91351

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bagby
33801 Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd.
Agua Dulce, CA 91350
(661) 268-0233

May 19, 1999

Dept. of Regional Planning County of Los Angeles
Impact Analysis Section, Room 1348
Julie Moore, Project Manager
320 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear: Ms. Julie Moore,

We are residents of Agua Dulce going on 19 years. We are very much against the proposed mining of land just south of Fwy.14, re TMC project no.CP91-165-5.


We are very much concerned about our water and air quality.

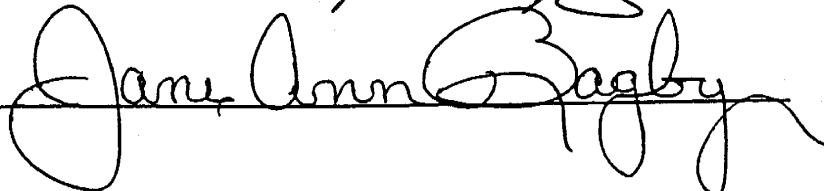
There has been talk about valley fever. We have never sued anyone in our life, but God help them if they get this project passed and anyone in our family gets valley fever or any other sickness related from all the possible pollution and toxic run-off from this proposed mining project.

Please take these comments into consideration when voting on permit #91-165-5.

Thank you for your time and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

Willard Stephen Bagby 

Jane Ann Bagby 



CANYON OAKS RANCH SCHOOL

36491 Bouquet Canyon Road

Saugus, California 91350

(805) 270-9051

May 20, 1999

Julie Moore,
Project Mgr Dept. of
Regional Planning
City of Los Angeles
320 West Temple St.
L.A., CA. 90012

Dear Ms. Moore: Please reject the
proposal to allow the Transit
Mixed Concrete Company (TMC)
to mine 56 million tons of aggregate
just off Saledad Canyon Road.
Get the date of this fact from
Draft Environmental Impact
Report [Project 91-165-(5)].

It will ruin the area, the
land itself & will pollute the
air.

Respectfully yours
Marta Thorne
Gardener.

P.S. We
have 100

children here &

15 adults. This would violate Environ-
mental Impact on Air Quality & Visual quality

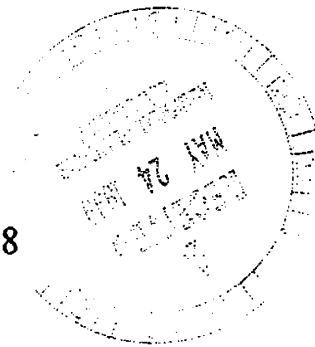
I am writing to ask the Planning
Commission to reject proposal
for Marist Mixed Concrete to surface
mine land east of 14 freeway and
Soleidad Canyon Rd - case permit no.
91-165(5)

Joan Ivy
14144-B Ave. of the Oaks
Santa Clarita CA

5/21/99

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Julie Moore, Project Manager
Department of Regional Planning
County of Los Angeles
Impact Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012



May 21, 1999

Ref. Project No. 91-165-5 Transit Mixed Concrete Company's Proposed Rock Quarry Expansion

Dear Ms. Moore,

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to the proposal of expanded surface mining by the above named company on Soledad Canyon Road. In June 1998, my wife and I purchased a brand new home along with our 2 children at the time, now three. We have just recently, in the last 3-4 weeks, found out about the proposed 20-year mining project. Our home is located only 3 miles from this project.

The proposed mining project encompasses many serious issues for our community, which include health hazards, noise pollution (7 days a week), blasting of explosives (2-4 times a week), daily heavy truck traffic, daily transportation of explosives on our roads and freeways, fire hazards, and air/water pollution for our community of Santa Clarita. The on ramp to the 14 freeway is Shadow Pines and this is 1500 feet from my home. This is the on ramp this project will be using.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) stated that the impact on air quality would be "significant". I do not want to bring my children up in an area where I have to be concerned of the air they are breathing.


The Antelope Valley Freeway and Soledad Canyon Road are the only accesses the Lancaster/Palmdale/Santa Clarita residents have to the Los Angeles area. How would this project impact the already congested freeway, with the addition of hundreds of truck trips/day? Also the added noise and fume pollution from these semi-trucks.

I hope you really put some thought into this project and support our rejection of it. Please put yourself in our shoes, would you raise your kids so near to a 20 year, 460 acre, 83 million ton surface mining project? What do you think this will do to our property values? Would you purchase a house so near to a mine? We sure wouldn't have if we had known of it before we purchased it. I don't want my children breathing in contaminated dust and pollutants, would you? Everytime I look at my children, it just breaks my heart to know the danger they might be in if this passes, aren't we as parents supposed to protect our children and look out for their best? Please read over the EIR report for your own reference before you make any decisions on this matter.

Please help us keep Santa Clarita the great city it is known for, where both young families and retired people enjoy living. Where even more people are moving to this great community daily. Keep the mine out of our backyard and far away from homes and families with growing children, and aging parents. Please do all that you can to stop this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

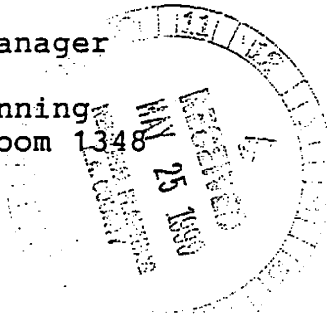

Michael Pugmire
14222 West Everglades Court
Canyon Country, CA 91351

Cc.

Mike Antonovich, Supr. 5th District County of Los Angeles
Jeffrey Lambert, Santa Clarita Dir. Of Planning and Development
Jo Anne Darcy, Santa Clarita Mayor
Howard McKeon, US Congress 25th District
George Carvalho, Santa Clarita City Manager
Vince Bertoni, Santa Clarita Planning Manager
Lisa Hardy, Associate Planner

5/23/99

Ms. Julie Moore, Project Manager
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Dear Ms. Moore,

I am writing in reference to the Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Project No. 91-165-(5). My husband and I recently purchased our dream home in Agua Dulce. We have three children ages seven, five, and eighteen months.

I was surprised at the fire smell we experienced during the recent controlled burn in the Newhall area. I am deeply concerned about the mining particulates that would be blown toward our home should this mining project be approved. I am angered and appalled at the negative impact this proposal will have on the environment.

When we bought this house we planned to stay forever. Please don't allow this mining project the opportunity to destroy the health of my family. Please keep our dreams for our children and ourselves intact.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melissa Claiborne

Melissa Claiborne
6140 Snowshoe Thompson
Agua Dulce, CA 91350

cc: Agua Dulce Civic Association
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd. Box #1
Agua Dulce, CA 91350

Agua Dulce Town Council
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Rd. Box #8
Agua Dulce, CA 91350

Mrs Robert Eisele
18542 Soledad #168
Canyon Country Ca 91351

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Julie Moore Project Mgr Dept of
Regional Planning
County of LA
Impact Analysis Sect Room 1348
320 West Temple St
Los Angeles Calif 90012

Please Reject the
Rock Quarry Expansion
of the Transit Mixed Concrete Co
Proposing Surface Mining of
land East of 14 Fwy and
Soledad Canyon Rd

This is very UNhealthy for All
our people living out here
mainly the Elderly and
People with Pulmonary
Lung Disease

Very Concerned About Our Living
Robert Eisele
Eleanor M Eisele

*Mr. Paul Jeffrey Lavo
14510 West Stone Ridge Ct.
Canyon Country, CA 91351*

May 31, 1999

Regional Planning Commissioners
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CO SURFACE MINING PROJECT:
PROJECT 91165, CASE #SM91165

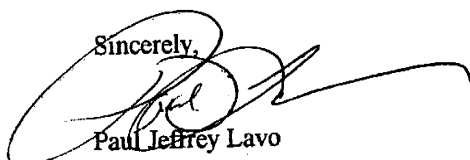
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Please respond to this letter by actively supporting our community in its endeavors to have this hazardous project and its possible approval rejected.

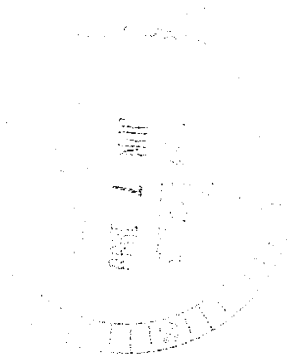
Thank you for your consideration. Your active support will be remembered and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Paul Jeffrey Lavo
Registered Voter

CC: Linda Kirk
Nature Conservancy
Sierra Club
Mike Antonovich
Julie Moore
Dr. Daryl Koutnik
Pete Knight
Thodore C. Smith
Barbara Boxer
Dianne Feinstein

Jeffrey Lambert
Jo Anne Darcy
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Lisa Hardy
Gray Davis
George Runner
Howard P. McKeon
The Signal - Attn: Chris Dickerson
Brian Mastin



Mrs. Gina Lavo
14510 West Stone Ridge Ct.
Canyon Country, CA 91351

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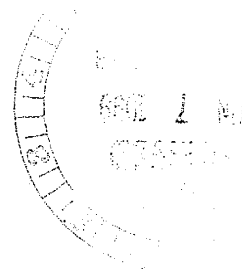
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Gina Lavo
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 Brian Mastin



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Comment Form

Date: DAVID MORRIS June 16, 1999

Name/Title: DAVID MORRIS

Representing: RESIDENT

Address: 26616 SANTA CANYON RD

City: CYN COUNTRY State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661-252-3856 Fax: _____

Comments: I am 100% opposed to this project - it is very
apparent the use of this project's land so close to new
communities has not kept up to date / on track with land
development / housing construction in the area

Main problems

1. Air pollution - prevailing winds blow from E to west
from this project
2. Visual pollution
3. Additional traffic on Hwy 14

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IO-58

Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99
Name/Title: Jackie Skelley
Representing: My family and neighborhood
Address: 1567 Poppysue Ln
City: Santa Clara State: Ca Zip: 9135
Telephone: 661-252-0152 Fax: _____

Comments: I am appaled that a project of this
magnitide can even be considered in an area
adjacent to high density neighborhoods. That
concern of mine is only secondary to the fears
I entertain over the contamination of our
ground water. The issues threatening our
community are overwhelming - Bad health
hazards - air pollution - traffic congestion -
noise pollution - water pollution - these are
issues that threaten the very life of
our community

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IO-59

Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: Charmaine Posten

Representing: self

Address: 16442 Lost Cyn. Rd.

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 252-1841 Fax:

Comments: re air quality. My family moved to Soledad Cyn in 1956, mostly to help my husband's asthma + allergies. The EIR does not substantiate a lack of health impact (that will be brought about by the air topics). Multiple proposed mining operations aren't quantified to my satisfaction.

I believe the report does understate traffic impact and I find no analysis of the Antelope Valley freeway.

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Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99Name/Title: LORI Powell

Representing: _____

Address: 29513 Poppy Meadow St.City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351Telephone: 661 298-8502 Fax: _____Comments: My Concerns are:TRAFFICNoiseWaterAir QualityHILLSIDESAesthetics

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Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-61

Comment Form

Date: June 16, 1999

Name/Title: Rodolfo Jimenez

Representing: S.C.V.

Address: 19403 Delight Street

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661 252-9643 Fax: _____

Comments: I am a concerned citizen of this valley. One of my main concerns is the air quality this project will have in this valley. Also the quality of our drinking water, as well as the health of this community. I am also very concerned about the effect this project will have on wild life, land and water. Other concerns are: the noise and energy waves this project will have cause and the amount of chemicals and dust this will produce in the effecting the environment. Please help us to maintain a safe and healthy Santa Clarita. Thank you,

Rodolfo Jimenez

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IO-62

Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99

Name/Title: Connie Jimenez

Representing: Santa Clarita Valley

Address: 19403 Delight St.

City: Canyon Ctriy State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661 252-9643 Fax: _____

Comments: I am very concerned about the
effect this project will have on ~~me~~ as well
as my family's health. And also the impact
it will have on water quality, the environment,
the noise, and animal life. This will definately
impact all of Santa Clarita, as well as many
other communities. I am very much concerned,
it's like starting a war against all living things
without declaring war. Please take all
of this into consideration.

Thank you,

Connie Jimenez

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IO-63

Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: DENNIS SKELTON

Representing: Home OWNERS

Address: 30407 JASMINE VALLEY DR

City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 805 298 9747 Fax: _____

Comments: I AM APPosed TO THE PROPOSED

MINING OPERATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- AIR QUALITY DUE TO TRUCKS @ A RATE OF 550 PER HR -
& DUST CAUSED FROM MINE.
- WATER QUALITY, MY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PINETREE'S
WATER IS SUPPLIED FROM WELLS DOWN STREAM FROM
MINE OPERATIONS
- QUARY OPERATION LEAVE UN SITEY SCARS
ON THE ENVIRONMENT, CAUSING DANGEROUS
POOL'S OF WATER. YOUNG CHILDREN MAY BE HARMED.
- PROPERTY VALUES WILL DECREASE.

PLEASE DONT LET THIS HAPPEN IN
MY NEIGHBERHOOD! THANK YOU

Dennis Skelton

**Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project**

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Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99

Name/Title: Leah Southwell

Representing: self

Address: 28291 Bockdale Ave.

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 252-4577 Fax: 252-1275

Comments: My biggest concern is the traffic
issue. The 14 is not capable of
of handling current traffic. When
the widening is completed it will
only alleviate the current traffic flow
Further building in Palmdale/Lancaster
will continue as will the traffic.
Adding a gravel truck every 30 seconds
would demand almost an entire new
lane just for this.

Have you ever driven behind a
gravel truck? There goes your windshield
and paint. They will also be

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Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-65

Comment Form

Date: 6-14-99

Name/Title: RICHARD Coleman

Representing: Resident

Address: 29406 Hidden Oak Place

City: C C State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 251-9495 Fax:

Comments: If the aggregate will be a major supply to the new city to be built by Newhall Land along the Santa Clarita River and the Ventura Co. & L.A. Co. border, then start at the that area to mine for sand and gravel along the river to supply the construction. No one lives there, and the ridgelines of the mountains won't be destroyed. the Santa Clarita city roads won't be worn prematurely by cement trucks and less air pollution will be generated. Let that area supply its own cement.

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Comment Form

Date: JUNE 15- 99

Name/Title: DANIEL ROSA

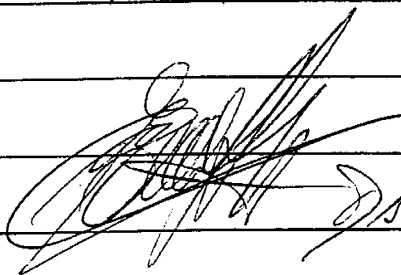
Representing:

Address: 29309 N. HIDDEN OAK PL

City: CANYON COUNTY State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661 298 0835 Fax: 661 298 0889

Comments: PLEASE REVIEW YOUR ANALYSIS ABOUT
TRAFFIC IMPACT. WE HAVE ENOUGH TRAFFIC
ALREADY AFFECTING HWY 14 WITH TRAFFIC
VOLUNTEERING THIS AIR INCREASING TRAFFIC FROM
WITH TRUCKS WILL NOT BE A SEVERE ENVIRONMENTAL



DANIEL ROSA

VERY CONCERNED CITIZEN

IO-67

**Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project**

Comment Form

Date: 6.16.99

Name/Title: BILL COLANGELO

Representing: HOMEOWNER; STONECREST

Address: 14411 W. CATSKILLS CT

City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661-252-5963 Fax: 818-701-7964

EMAIL: BCOLANGELO@THERMAX.CDT.COM

Comments: I AM CONCERNED ABOUT:

SEVERAL DEFICIENCIES IN THE EIR - TRAFFIC IMPACTS ARE
UNDERSTATED - SPECIFICALLY THE IMPACT OF TRUCKS ENTERING THE FWY
WITH GREAT FREQUENCY AT SOLEDAD CYN^{UPHILL} WHERE ONCOMING TRAFFIC
IS ON A DOWNHILL GRADE & MOVING VERY QUICKLY.

FURTHER, LAND USE STUDIES DO NOT DISCUSS THE IMPACT ON
THE MORE THAN 2000 HOMES LOCATED IN THE "PARTICULATE"
ZONE. THERE IS NO ANALYSIS OF RESPIRATORY IMPACT OF THE
PROJECTS. REFERENCES TO AIR QUALITY STUDIES ARE OUTDATED,
AND UNDERSTATED. THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF THE MULTIPLE
PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS ARE NOT DISCUSSED OR QUANTIFIED,
WITH REGARD TO NOISE, AIR POLLUTION, OR TRAFFIC

FURTHER, WATER RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THESE

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

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Comment Form

Date: 06/16/99

Name/Title: Bess Knight

Representing: Stonecrest resident

Address: 29459 N Mammoth Lane

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661.298.1747 Fax: _____

Comments: This is to reiterate my
concern regarding the proposed
TMC mining project. The EIR report
does not recognize the Stonecrest
development, which is 1 mile from
the proposed site. Additionally, EIR
report indicates Federal Air Quality
levels can not be mitigated. I am
concerned about the health hazards
this project will subject my family
and neighbors to for the next 20 years.
Additionally, water pollution and
consumption is a serious factor.
I request you take a "no mine"
position on this permit request.
Respectfully,
Bess Knight.

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-69

Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: MARSHA CONNELLY

Representing:

Address: 19697 May Way

City: CANYON COUNTY State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 805-299-4005 Fax:

Comments: My concern is the health of
my family - air, water and noise pollution
need to be addressed - what are the consequences
if this mining project goes forward?
I believe that the county owes this
to the residents who pay the taxes
and the salaries of public employees.

**Proposed L.A. County
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Comment Form

Date: June 16, 1999
 Name/Title: Karen Chehal
 Representing: Resident of Stonecrest
 Address: 29241 N. Sequoia Rd.
 City: Canyon Cntry State: CA Zip: 91351
 Telephone: 661-299 6923 Fax: —

Comments: Protect me & my family - please
My concerns are ① air quality, ② water pollution,
excessive water usage, ③ blasting and the
result of dynamiting an area already on a
earthquake fault line — ④ Abundance of
traffic ⑤ Noise To elaborate.
Air Quality - high winds carrying dust particles
constant breathing of these particles designate
health dangers - 5 yrs from now we'll be one
of the cities ^{interviewed} by 20/20 wondering why our
citizens are sick & dying. Particles in our
lungs which can't be washed away. What measures
have been taken to monitor the dust? Not something
set up in Newhall but in Canyon Country, Santa
Claita. . . If TMC won't spend a few more
dollars to take this project elsewhere do you

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Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99Name/Title: BRIAN CHEBULRepresenting: STONECREST DEVELOPMENTAddress: 29241 SEQUOIA RD.City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA. Zip: 91351Telephone: (661) 299-6923 Fax: _____

- Comments: ① What study has been done to determine the 10 year and the 20 year effect of breathing the pollutants this operation will produce.
- ② How will the spillage from the gravel trucks be handled to prevent possible damage to automobile windshields.
- ③ Where will the water needed for this operation come from and will this cost be passed onto the homeowners in the area?
- ④ Are we sure that the run off is not going to contaminate the Santa Clara River!
- ⑤ What safeguards will be implemented to protect the wildlife in the area i.e. the "unarmored spined stickleback" fish.
- ⑥ What guarantees have been given to the residents that the noise from this

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99Name/Title: Karen Miller

Representing: _____

Address: 23210 Valerio St.City: W. Hills State: CA Zip: 91307Telephone: (818) 592-0950 Fax: _____

Comments: My family is currently
home searching in SC valley and
our decision will be based on
the outcome of the mining
development as a very very
high priority. The health and
safety of citizens should not
be compromised for this project.
Please persuade those who have
influence to promote this project
to be accountable for the
negative effects that they
are responsible for.

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: LAURA N. STEGER

Representing: _____

Address: 19551 ALDRURY ST

City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 251-4019 Fax: 0

Comments: _____

A MAJOR CONCERN OF MINE
IS THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF
MY FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS. I'M CONCERNED
ABOUT THE RESPIRATORY IMPACTS OF THE
MINING PROJECTS. I'VE READ ABOUT
THE "VALLEY FEVER" AND ITS IMPACT
ON US IF THE MINING BEGINS

In addition it will take away free
land which the animals in our
areas need to survive -

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: JON BELGITT

Representing:

Address: 18852 Dorian Dr

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: Fax:

Comments:

I would think that referencing an outdated EIR
As the basis for a decision is a very irresponsible
act. Allowing a company or companies to endanger
an entire towns health is a very irresponsible act.
Wiping out a water table, polluting a river, polluting
the air, removing natural habitat, & endangering
an already endangered species - 3 spine stickleback -
is a very irresponsible act. What could be the
reason the Regional Planning Department could
ever support this project? If they do
there is something very corrupt going on!

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: Greg Silberman + Liliana Pagán-Silberman

Representing:

Address: 14556 Grandifloras Road

City: Santa Clarita ^{Canyon Country} State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661/250-7486 Fax:

Comments: We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposal of expanded surface mining by the Transit Mixed Concrete Co. on Soledad Canyon Road. We have just learned about the proposal, and have read the Environmental Impact Report. We are convinced that, if allowed, this mining would prove disastrous to the health of our children and adults in our house and to others in our City of Santa Clarita. The EIR is inadequate. Much of the data is already outdated since many new homes were built near the proposed site after the report was compiled. Our biggest concern is air quality. According to the EIR, the impact on air quality would be "significant." A substantial increase in PM-10 particles could potentially contribute to respiratory problems, some severe,

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99
Name/Title: Penny Upton
Representing: 29 yr resident
Address: 28154 La Veda Ave
City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351
Telephone: 661-251-2840 Fax: _____

Comments: This company's history shows
they are not capable of keeping the
toxic air borne particles on site.

There are four elementary schools
"down wind" of this site.

Over building this area is the
cause of this - quoting Transit Mgr
repr "if you want more homes, you
must have this aggregate"

Stop large developments - no need
for this mine!

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Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99Name/Title: ROBERT LOMBARDIRepresenting: STONECRESTAddress: 29443 N. MAMMOTH LANECity: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA. Zip: 91351Telephone: 805-252-5503 Fax: 661

Comments: TRUCKS FULL OF GRAVEL ARE SLOW
AT BEST. ANALYSIS IS BASED ON EQUIVALENCE
OF (2) PASSENGER CARS. ACTUAL EQUIVALENCE
IS (4) OR MORE. ALSO THE "EIR" DOES
NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE AMOUNT OF TRUCKS
CURRENTLY TRAVELING THE 14 FWY. FROM
A DEAD STAND STILL 6 TO 8 PASSENGER
CARS ARE ABLE TO SAFELY PASS A FULLY
LOADED GRAVEL TRUCK BEFORE THE GRAVEL
TRUCK REACHES A SPEED OF 35 MPH.
GRAVEL TRUCKS LOOSE A MINUTE AMOUNT OF
GRAVEL (GRAVEL FALLOUT) IF 700 OR SO TRUCK
TRIPS PER DAY LOOSE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF

GRAVEL ON EACH TRIP IT IS REASONABLE TO
SAY IN ONE MONTH THERE WILL BE
SEVERAL HUNDRED BROKEN WINDSHIELDS AND
GRAVEL ALL OVER THE FREEWAY. THE
SIZE OF OUR FREEWAY WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE
THE NORMAL MORNING COMMUTE, THE NORMAL
EVENING COMMUTE AND ALL OF THESE
GRAVEL TRUCKS. WE ARE NOT THE
605 FREEWAY WITH 4 OR 5 LANES
OF TRAFFIC. ALSO WE ARE NOT EVEN
ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF WEAR AND TEAR
ON THE FREEWAY DO TO THE WEIGHT OF
THESE TRUCKS. WE ARE NOT TALKING UPS TRUCKS
WE ARE TALKING ABOUT GRAVEL TRUCKS WEIGHING 80,000 POUNDS +

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Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99 Court Reporter Superior

Name/Title: JoAnne Lombardo, Stonecrest

Representing: STONECREST

Address: 29443 N. Mammoth Lane

City: Cyn Ctry State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 252-5503 Fax: SAME

Comments: Truck Performance is slow when full
of gravel. Capacity of Traffic signals
is maybe one truck and one car if Lucky
Need Analysis on number of opportunities
To enter Traffic at Mammoth Lane +
Soledad Canyon making Left Turn.
Didn't analyze freeway numbers on
Trucks. Gravel causing numerous
broken windshields.

14 Fwy is currently always bogged down
at Shadow Pines now going South.
Passenger equivalent Too Low at
2, at a minimum four cars passenger.

Julie Moore, my name is
"Low Density" And I am
neither dense nor low. I am
one family out of the 500
plus houses in the Stonecrest Tract.
EIR Report is very old, old, old.
I heard you refer to our area
as a "Low Density" area at the
6-14-99. Mining site program for
The Regional planning commissioners.
like to see new aerial Maps which
don't cut off Stonecrest.

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Comment Form

Date: June 16, 1999

Name/Title: Linda Stelling

Representing: _____

Address: (Current): 27921 Newbird Future: 10012 Escondido Cj
Aguadulce, CA

City: Sanger State: CA Zip: 91350

Telephone: 661/296-8533 Fax: 661/296-7214

Comments: My first concern is with air
quality and the health problems that will
arise, not only for Aguadulce, but the
whole SAC - certainly the Santa Ana
will make this an equal opportunity
hazard. My next concern is for
our water. For those of us who've
had to drill 500+ feet just to get
good water, it's unacceptable that
I would now have to face the
prospect of that precious water
being depleted or contaminated
by this project. I've also learned,

since we've had our land, that
The ~~smallest~~ I can hear people
talking over a mile away. One quiet
morning I heard a neighbor's voice from
over 1000 ft away. What would I hear
from a 24 hr. mining operation? How
many stars will we lose in the
sky when their lights shine all
night? We've all put everything
we have into living in an area free
of the air, water, noise, light and
traffic pollution this project would bring.
Please do not allow this project to go

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Comment Form

Date: June 16, 1999

Name/Title: KAROLYN DeMott

Representing: Agua Dulce

Address: 33819 Agua Dulce Cyn. Rd.

City: Agua Dulce State: CA Zip: 91350

Telephone: (661) 268-0412 Fax: (661) 268-0418

Comments: I have great concern about the impact
on the Air quality that the proposed mining will
have on the entire SCV Area as well as the unmitigatable
Health & Safety risks that face us if this project is
approved. The water usage & Contamination should be
a definite concern as we all get our water from
underground sources (either well or water Co.) If the
Aquifer is depleted & contaminated then it adds to
to Air pollution (Health) risks. My CHILDS HEALTH
IS AT STAKE. The Noise that will be generated
by this operation will be deafening. The added
Traffic to an already congested 14 Freeway & Soledad Canyon
will be not only a safety issue, but a pollution issue.

Please vote NO to this mining project.

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Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99

Name/Title: ROBERT LOMBARDO

Representing: STONECREST

Address: 29443 N. MAMMOTH LAKE

City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA. Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661-252-5503 Fax: _____

Comments: THE "EIR" DOES NOT TAKE
IN ACCOUNT ALL OF THE HOMES IN
STONECREST/SHADOW PINES. THE "EIR"
STATES LOW DENSITY IMPACT. EXCUSE
ME BUT 500+ HOMES, CHILDREN,
ELDERLY, SICK, ALLERGIC, AND NORMAL
AVERAGE JOHN & JAN & PUBLIC ARE
NOT LOW DENSITY! THE "EIR" IS
OUT DATED HELLO THERE ARE
PEOPLE HERE! PEOPLE COUNT
MORE THAN DOLLARS READ YOUR BIBLE!

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~~Fraser~~

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Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99
Name/Title: JOANNE Lombardo Court Reporter
Representing: Stone crest
Address: 29443 N. Mammoth Lane
City: Oyo City State: CA Zip: 91351
Telephone: 2525803 Fax: _____

Comments: EIR does not address issue of
and where sensitive, people are. i.e.
Sulphur Springs School (2 miles away)
filled with elementary school children,
senior centers, elder care homes, private
board & care homes.
EIR some info as old as (1990)!

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Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99
Name/Title: JOANNE Lombardo Court Reporter
Representing: STONE crest
Address: 29443 N. Mammoth Lane
City: CYD-CITY State: CA Zip: 91351
Telephone: 252 5503 Fax: _____

Comments: Misses significant impacts to 17 different
sensitive wild life species, number 18 being
the Human Species. Not nearly enough studies
on impact to children, elderly and asmaties,
Not doing compacting on slopes,
Bureau of land management has codes
To follow. future impediment of use of
site.

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Comment Form

Date: JUNE 16, 1999
Name/Title: JAMES C. SCHILF / HOME OWNER - STONECREST
Representing: MY FAMILY
Address: 14208 W. SEQUOIA RD
City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA Zip: 91351-6220
Telephone: (661) 252-2040 Fax: _____

Comments: MY GREATEST CONCERN WITH REGARD
TO PERMITTING TMC MINING TO GO FORWARD
WITH A 20 YEAR SURFACE MINING PROJECT
IS THE MAJOR HEALTH RISKS THAT MY
FAMILY WILL HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH ON
A DAILY BASIS. THE TMC MINING COMPANY
CAN NOT JUSTIFY THE ^{GREAT} HEALTH RISKS THEY
WOULD SUBJECT THE ^{ENTIRE} SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
TOO.

ANOTHER CONCERN IS THE LARGE AMOUNT
OF HEAVY DUTY TRUCK TRAFFIC THE PEOPLE
OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WILL HAVE TO
CONTEND WITH ON FREEWAY 14 AND

SOLEDAD CANYON ROAD.

James Ching

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: Michele Engerran / Teacher
Canyon H.S.

Representing: Self

Address: 19300 W. Nadal St.

City: Cyn. Cntry. State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 805/252-6110 Fax:

ex 407
805/251-0701 (hm)

Comments:

As a local educator and virtual native, I have numerous concerns about the TMC mining project. The Santa Clarita Valley is noted as one of the fastest growing suburban cities in the country. We are not an industrial city. TMC has a list of holes in their EIR report which will affect our quality of life. First of all, much of their information is outdated. For instance, the City of Santa Clarita's boundaries are wrong creating an "understated"

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: Michele Engerran (Cont)

Representing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: has not been ^{adequately} addressed. TMC's
extrication methods have been
challenged. They have failed to
prove that health risks such as
Valley Fever, Pulmonary Silicosis,
producing allergies asthma etc. will
never occur. ^{due to their processing methods.} Then argument is that
all particles will remain over
the site. This again, is faulty.
Santa Clarita is a high wind
zone. TMC has failed to address
this issue as well.

Lastly, one argument in

Support of mining closer to urban areas is that it is more cost effective. Lives cannot be equated in monetary terms. However, if money is the number one such as TMC, the County of Los Angeles, and the federal government weighed the costs of fires, water clean-up, air pollution, road damage, and health care that will be needed? What current research and data do these agencies have regarding other potential sites where communities will not be put at risk? What

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guarantees will they provide stating our residents' health and quality of life will not be irrevocably altered

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affect on the community. Information on earthquake potential is increased and movement has been in toward what is approximately 1000. What is the impact to do about this?

Next, the impact on water supply has not been sufficiently studied. Some particulate matter cannot be removed from our water supply will be contaminated, not to mention depleted. What preparations has the county made for fire and drought? What will we do with dangerously low water levels?

A third concern is the air quality. Information on health impact

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99Name/Title: Robert E. Jr. and Mary F. ClementRepresenting: Resident - Sand CanyonAddress: 16207 Valley Ranch Rd.City: Canyon Country State: Ca Zip: 91351Telephone: 661 251-5055 Fax: _____

Comments: We moved to this area ^{21yrs ago} ~~to~~ ease the pulmonary
destruction of my husband's lungs - He has
serious COPD. This will certainly shorten his
life!

* Pollution: Air; Water; Auditory; Traffic

* Traffic will further Air pollution due to exhausts
in jammed traffic.

After all the aforementioned; but just as important
is the destruction of our GOD GIVEN ENVIRONMENT.

Mary F. Clement

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Comment Form

Date: June 16, 1999

Name/Title: Patricia Tucker

Representing: _____

Address: 18005 Flynn Dr. #534

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661-298-3106 Fax: 661-298-3107

Comments: My concern, moving here from the San Fernando Valley six years ago to a beautiful area that is slowly but seems more quickly lately growing too fast. With the population growth and all the building ~~the~~ air quality and health hazards are a major concern. Living where I do and the grading that has been going on since I've lived here, I can no longer keep my windows open. I suffer from

severe allergies and sinus that I have been sick most of the time. What I have heard and read, this will only get worse. Just because people move here doesn't mean they have to stay. Where I used to live, we were forced to leave. It may be for a different reason, but the same thing could happen to this valley. People won't put up with it.

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: Larry Schaller

Representing: Pine Tree

Address: 29851 Grandifloras Rd

City: Pine Tree State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661-298-2548 Fax:

Comments: I am extremely concerned about the air quality that is now being affected by the current mining & trucking activity. It is unconscionable to even consider adding to that, especially in the preposterous amount that is currently being proposed to the students & staff at Sulphur Springs Elementary School should not have to suffer the known negative effects of 500+ trucks per day, not to mention the stacks & pollution produced by the mining itself.

In addition, the county is showing chaotic & poor planning to approve local housing then turn around and consider a mine nearby. This affects air quality, aesthetics, biological a...

wave quality as well as traffic Diesel
Soot is a known health hazard.

Please do not approve this operation.

In addition, investigate the negative
effects of current mining on the
local school children and the
local community at large.

AKO

As to trucks, the damage is done
near Log Station. We need not make
it worse

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Comment Form

Date: JUNE 16, 1999Name/Title: ROBERT FLECK

Representing: _____

Address: 27363 SAND CANYON ROADCity: SANTA CLARITA State: CA Zip: 91351Telephone: 661-298-2000 Fax: _____

Comments: AS NOTED IN THE 1/12/77 NORTH LOS
ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN, PROPOSED SANTA
CLARITA VALLEY AREA-WIDE GENERAL PLAN (ADOPTED
1/12/77), IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
ELEMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES SECTION, PART # 1.14,
"THE PUBLIC NOISANCE, PROPERTY AND VEGETATIVE
DAMAGE, AND DETEIORATION OF AESTHETIC QUALITIES THAT
RESULT FROM AIR POLLUTION CONTAMINANTS SHOULD BE
PREVENTED TO THE GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE."

THE BEST CHOICE IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED
BEE CANYON TMC MINING OPERATION IS TO DENY
THE APPLICATION NOW BEFORE PLANNERS.

THE FUGITIVE DUST LEVELS TO BE CREATED BY THIS
PROPOSED PROJECT WILL BE HAZARDOUS, PERHAPS FATAALLY SO,
TO EXISTING AND FUTURE RESIDENTS LOCATED WITHIN A
LARGE AREA SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED MINING WORK.

IN ADDITION, THE PROTECTED IMPACTS OF WATER USE,
TRUCK TRAFFIC, NOISE AND OTHER CAN NOT BE
MITIGATED EFFECTIVELY.

THIS PROPOSED PROJECT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR
THE AREA IN WHICH IT IS SITED. IT SHOULD
NOT BE APPROVED.

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Date: 6-16-99Name/Title: JANE A FLECK

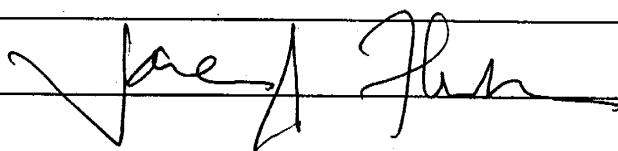
Representing: _____

Address: 27363 Sand Canyon RoadCity: Santa Clarita State: CA Zip: 91351Telephone: 661-298-2000 Fax: (661) 298-2738Comments: THIS IS AN INAPPROPRIATE PROPOSEDINDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SURROUNDED BY
SUBURBS AND RURAL RESIDENTIAL AREAS.PROBLEMS WITH THE EIR INCLUDE:

- ALLEGATIONS THAT PM-10 & NITROUS OXIDE AIR
POLLUTION WILL NOT LEAVE THE SITE, DESPITE
THE FACT WE ROUTINELY HAVE 70 MPH WINDS
IN THE AREA
- INDEFENSIBLE USAGE OF POTABLE GROUNDWATER
IN AN AREA WHERE WATER DEMAND FOR
DEVELOPMENT IS GROWING EXPONENTIALLY
- UNMITIGATABLE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON THE
14 & 5 FREEWAYS FROM TRAFFIC CONGESTION &
TRUCK TRAFFIC

- NOISE POLLUTION AND LIGHT POLLUTION INCOMPATIBLE WITH ^{ADJACENT} SUBURBAN SCHOOLS & RURAL RESIDENTIAL USES
- COMPARISONS FOR WATER USE ARE BASED ON DENSE RESIDENTIAL - NOT COUNTY MANDATED 1 HOUSE PER 5 ACRES IN NATIONAL FOREST.

THIS IS AN INAPPROPRIATE PROJECT FOR THE AREA. DENY THIS APPLICATION FOR THIS MINE — PLEASE!



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Comment Form

Date: 6/14/99

Name/Title: CHRIS HOEFFLIN

Representing: SELF

Address: PO BOX 2623

City: SANTA CLARITA State: CA Zip: 91386

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MINING PROJECT ON
THE GROUNDS THAT THE HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN AND
ELDERLY WILL DEFINITELY BE IMPACTED BY THIS PROJECT.

THE TIME HAS PASSED FOR THE MINING OF THIS
AREA. NOW THAT THIS VALLEY HAS GROWN INTO A
SPRAWLING COMMUNITY OF YOUNG FAMILIES, MANY
OF WHICH THAT LIVE WITHIN JUST A FEW MILES OF
THE PROPOSED MINING SITE, THE OPPORTUNITY TO
CONDUCT MINING OPERATIONS THIS CLOSE TO RESIDENTIAL
AREAS SHOULD BE FOREVER DECLINED.

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Comment Form

Date: 6-16-99
Name/Title: JOANNE Lombardo Court Reporter
Representing: STONECREST
Address: 29443 N. Mammoth Ave.
City: Cyn City State: CA Zip: 91351
Telephone: 252-5503 Fax: _____

Comments: Earthquake potential maximum
stress on nearby faults, ground movement
due to constant blasting, nearby old
Mountains likely to cause Yosemite
land slides
Where is all the water coming from
for washing the fines?
Who will be responsible for reclamation
process standards & control?
Insufficient documentation regarding
slope stability of proposed slopes,
old info in EIR 1990 - 1999

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Comment Form

Date: June 16, 1999
Name/Title: Joan Dunn - citizen - 30yrs. in SCV.
Representing: _____
Address: 15414 Rhododendron Dr.
City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351
Telephone: 661-251-9729 Fax: 661-251-1845

Comments: Previous comments from the
Transit Mixed spokespeople: The water
will be monitored by other agencies.
This is very inadequate when the
monitoring is done once or twice a year!
There should be a strict monitoring of
water use and often.
Other Transit Mixed comments: Water will be
recycled so not much will be used. What
about all the water that has to wet down
the dust? IT will evaporate and can not
be reused. Tons of dirt will be affected
by our constant winds!

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Comment Form

Date: 6/16/99

Name/Title: Jo Ellen Romanoski

Representing: Resident

Address: 28316 Simsalvado Ave

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 310/728-3200 x 5059 Fax: 310/728-2224

Comments: Questions Attached -

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Comment Form

Date: June 18, 1999

Name/Title: Joan Dunn

Representing: _____

Address: 15414 Rhododendron Dr.

City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351

Telephone: 661-251-9729 Fax: 661-251-1845

Comments: 1. No wind monitoring has been studied
in the area of Transit Mixed. This should
be studied for at least a year.
2. Diesel fuel contains carcinogens.
Many trucks will be emitting these
cancer-causing elements as they pass
through our valley. This subject should be
thoroughly addressed.
3. The trucks that could pollute our
river with the carcinogens, asbestos (from
the use of their brakes), gasoline, and ~~oil~~ oil
should be taxed for NPDES. Property owners
could never produce the run-off that these
trucks will!

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Date: JUNE 18, 1999Name/Title: ED DUNNRepresenting: SELECTED DIRECTOR OF THE CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCYAddress: 15414 RHODODENDRON DR.City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA. Zip: 91351Telephone: 661-251-9729 Fax: 661-251-1845

Comments: THE IMPACT OF 500 TRUCK TRIPS PER DAY
CANNOT BE MITIGATED AS IT RELATES TO AIR
POLLUTION, AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION, NOT TO
MENTION WATER POLLUTION, BOTH POTABLE AND
RIVER/OCEAN WATER. THE FREEWAYS & NEWHALL
PASS CANNOT HANDLE THE TRAFFIC. THE TRUCKS
WILL GENERATE UNMITIGATABLE AIR AND WATER/
NPOES POLLUTION. OUR RIVERS, POTABLE WATER
SUPPLY AND OCEAN WILL BE POLLUTED. THE
PROJECT MUST BE DENIED AND THE AGGREGATE
BE TRANSPORTED TO THE L.A. BASIN VIA
RAIL FROM LITTLE ROCK MINES, SAVING
AIR & WATER POLLUTION AND TRAFFIC GRID LOCK.

THE TRUCKS WILL SPEW OUT ALL SORTS OF
HARMFUL BY PRODUCTS FROM THEIR EXHAUST
AND WILL DROP ALL THEIR VEHICLE FLUIDS
I.E. DIESEL FUEL, ETHYLENE GLYCOL, BRAKE
FLUID, TRANSMISSION FLUID, BATTERY ACID
AND ~~AND~~ HYDRAULIC FLUID. THESE FLUIDS
WILL BE WASHED INTO THE RIVERS AND
STREAMS AND HAVE A SEVERE IMPACT
ON THE NPDES PROBLEM, TOO SEVERE
TO MITIGATE

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Comment Form

Date: 6-24-99

Name/Title: T. S. KWONG

Representing: Home owner

Address: 1810 SHADOW Cyn Rd

City: Acton State: CA Zip: 93510

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: I oppose the Soledad Canyon Sand &
GRAVEL Mining Project. THE QUALITY OF THE
ENVIRONMENT IS IN JEOPARDY.

Thank you TSK

JUNE 27, 1999
MARTA THORNE, GARDENER
CANYON OAKS CHILDREN'S RANCH
36491 BOUQUET CANYON ROAD
SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91350
805-270-9051

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REGIONAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT
IMPACT ANALYSIS SECTION, ROOM 1348
320 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
ATTN: JULIE MOORE &
DR. DARYL KOUTNIK

RE: PROPOSED L.A. COUNTY SOLEDAD CANYON SAND &
GRAVEL MINING PROJECT

DEAR MS. MOORE AND DR. KOUTNIK:

JO ANNE DARCY, MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, SUGGESTED I CONTACT YOU
AS YOU WILL BE PROCESSING THIS CASE.

I AM VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE IMPACT THE ABOVE PROJECT WILL HAVE ON
THE ECOLOGY OF THE AREA AND THE TRAFFIC FLOWS. I CANNOT SEE HOW IT
WILL DO ANYTHING BUT HARM - THE AIR, THE LAND, AND POLLUTE THE AREA
WITH THE SOUNDS OF TRUCKS GOING BACK AND FORTH AND THEIR FUMES, PLUS
LOWER THE VALUE OF THE SURROUNDING LAND.

I JUST FINISHED READING JOHN GRISHAM'S BOOK THE PELICAN BRIEF AND
THERE ARE SOME PRETTY GRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN
LOUISIANA AS A RESULT OF THE REMOVAL OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS FROM THE
AREA. IT RUINED WHOLE ACRES OF LAND AND IT NEVER RECOVERED. ITS
VERY VIVIDLY DESCRIBED IN THERE, AND THOUGH IT IS A FICTION NOVEL, I
KNOW THIS WILL HAPPEN TO OUR AREA AS WELL. IS THERE NO WAY WHERE
THIS COMPANY CAN GET GRAVEL FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE, OR IS THERE NOT A
LESS DESTRUCTIVE WAY TO GET GRAVEL? HOW ABOUT THE BOTTOM OF THE
OCEAN? I DON'T KNOW. I WANT THEM TO GET THE GRAVEL THEY NEED BUT
IN A LESS DESTRUCTIVE WAY. I'M JUST MISSING INFORMATION.

LET ME KNOW WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP. I SHOULD COME TO THE PUBLIC
HEARING ON JULY 14TH, THOUGH I AM QUITE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE PROCEDURES
AND WHAT I SHOULD SAY, HOW I SHOULD PRESENT IT ETC. COULD YOU GIVE ME AN
IDEA SO THAT I CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN THIS AREA AS I FEEL DUTY BOUND TO
ATTEND THE HEARING BUT NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT TO DO AS A CONCERNED
CITIZEN. SHOULD OUR REALTOR COME WITH ME? HE RECENTLY CAME TO OUR
PROPERTY TO REASSESS ITS VALUE. ITS SEEMS HE'D BE MORE LIKELY TO
KNOW WHAT TO DO THAN MYSELF.

I AWAIT YOUR REPLY. WHERE WILL GEORGE PEDERSON BE HOLDING THE
SECOND PUBLIC HEARING?

SINCERELY,

Marta Thorne
MARTA THORNE

CC: INTERNATIONAL LANDLORD

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Moore, Julie

From: Linda K. Lang [lindak@integrityonline7.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 1999 4:15 PM
To: jmoore@planning.co.la.ca.us
Subject: 460 acres for rock quarry expansion

Julie Moore, Project Manager
Dept. of Regional Planning County of Los Angeles
Impact analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

As a long-time resident of the Canyon Country area, we are very much opposed to the proposal for a 480 acre rock quarry expansion east of the 14 freeway and Soledad Canyon Road. Our reasons are as follows:

1. The large amount of blasting will cause matter in the air for many miles. I personally am under great stress with allergies of many kinds.
2. One truck every 1.9 minutes coming to the area.
3. Possibility of pulmonary silicosis (an incurable lung disease) which is well known can occur as a result of exposure to SiO₂, a compound commonly associated with mining, stone cutting, foundry work, and quarrying.
4. The lung infection Valley Fever results from inhalation of spores of the fungus *Coccidioides immitis*. Outbreaks are associated with high winds and construction work. It should be known that we have the high winds in this area. It is a very serious and life-threatening disease.
5. Santa Clarita River is the only source of water available for use in this project. It is a major regional source and movement corridor for wild life. Phase I of project requires up to 558,541 gallons per day. The entire project site then drains into the Santa Clarita River.
6. We currently look at an unsightly gravel project, which has attacked the beauty of the area and who knows what health hazards it may have caused through the years.

No, we do not want this rock quarry in our area and ask that you please forward our request to the following commissioners: Feldman, Toy, Pederson, Campbell and Virgil.

Sincerely,

Bob & Linda Lang
29509 Abelia Road
Canyon Country, Ca 91351

Date: 7/2/99 7:23 AM
Sender: SouthBa2@mail.northgrum.com (Southwell; Barry)
To: Lisa Hardy
Priority: Normal

Receipt requested

Subject: proposed Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

Dear Mam

Please pass on my serious objection to the proposed Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project. While I am all for new or expanded commerce in the city of Santa Clarita, it is quite obvious that negative impacts to

this community far out weigh the positive financial benefits.

I am a 40 year resident here in Canyon Country, (I am 41), my number

one concern is the health impact to my daughters, your children, and the

children of all others. Both of my children have serious ATHSMA. It is a

well known fact that the shaking from the earthquakes have caused thousands

of cases of Valley Fever, of which my 8 year old is one of the victims.

This project if sure to cause many more cases due to the explosions.

If you are a citizen of this city, then you will also recognize

the second biggest problem with this project will be the impact on traffic.

Thank you

BARRY SOUTHWELL
Manufacturing Engineer Project
Advanced Mfg. Center-Technical Operations
Northrop Grumman Corporation
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(310) 332-1693 Voice
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Questions re: Proposed Sand & Gravel Mining Project

1. How will the project impact the quality of air in the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys? How is this change expected to impact the health of local community residents? What will be the change in persons that suffer from respiratory conditions? What increase will there be if any? What is the projected change in the air quality as a result of the mining process? What is the projected change in the air quality as a result of the increased traffic flow to surface streets and freeway?
2. With the leveling of the mountains by 200 feet of elevation, what will the impact be to weather conditions affecting the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys? Will there be any kind of impact to wind and conditions? What kind of implications would this have for residents of the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys? One of the reasons, California is known for its diverse weather patterns is the formation of the Transverse Mountain and Sierra Nevada Mountain ranges. What effect will removal of this mountain have not only on the local area, but to other areas of the state as well in terms of weather? Will some areas as a result be more prone to drought or high wind conditions? If so, which ones?
3. The Santa Clarita Valley has had problems with drought and water shortages. For example, in 1977 a major drought impacted residents of the valley. What contingencies are being drawn to alleviate any concerns regarding shortage of water to residents for residential use? Near my home on Soledad, a housing project was cancelled or put on hold several years ago due to a potential water problem. With that project being placed on hold, how can the Planning Commission now allow a project requiring such intensity of water usage? How will this project impact the cost of water to residents in either the Santa Clarita Valley and/or the Antelope Valley? How will this project impact the local aquifer? What are the possibilities of pollution to the aquifer as a result of this project? What are the expected land pollution problems that will occur as a result of this project?
4. With a total outbound number of trucks during the first ten years expected to be approximately, 347 trips per day, that is approximately a truck leaving the processing facility 24-hours a day. For Phase I, that works out to approximately 1 truck every four minutes; and Phase 2, 1 truck every 2.5 minutes. How will this impact traffic in the local surrounding area? How will this impact freeway traffic during its normal hours of operation as well as during commuting rush hours? Is there any other means available to move this cement out of the valley other than use of the roads? Is there any projected expansion to the Antelope Valley 14 freeway as a result of this project increase? What is the projected route for the traffic leaving and returning to the processing facility? Are any local schools impacted by this traffic route? What will be the expected impact to the road surface? What are the noise implications for the surrounding areas with shipping expected to take place 24 hours a day?

5. How many years did it take for this mountain range to form? How many years will we have to wait before it is returned to pre-processing condition? What impact will leveling this area have on surrounding earthquake faults? After the land is filled in? Will the faults still be visible? What will be done with the land once this process is completed? What kind of stability will that filled in land have? What will be suitable uses for it after the processing is completed? Will it be land that is feasible for housing? Or will this land be returned to recreational/forestry department use? Is there a plan that exists for the use of the land after this processing? And, if so, what is it?
6. What plants and animals will be endangered or jeopardized as a result of this project? What impact in the ecological balance will this project have on this and the surrounding areas to the mining project?
7. How will this project impact the safety of residents in the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys? For example, will there be any expected increase in the number of traffic accidents in the local area? What impact will there be in health problems relating to air or water pollution as a result of this project?
8. I love that mountains. That's one of the reasons why I live in this valley. What can be done to prevent the mountains from being dissolved into little bags of powdered concrete? What has been the impact of this process on other communities that have similar ecological, weather and population? Once this material has been removed, can it ever be replaced as a natural resource?
9. What are the expected psychological effects upon the community as a result of this project?
10. What is the implication to homeowners living nearby? How is project expected to impact the value of their homes?
11. How will the local economy be impacted as a result of this mining project?
12. What benefits does this project give to the local community? If so, what are they? And over what period of time will they arrive?

Additional Questions re: Proposed Sand & Gravel Mining Project

13. Gravel mining has been going on in Bee Canyon since 1968. What do the promoters of this project believe returning the land to usable form to be? What uses will it be suited for? It takes a few hundred years to re-grow a forest? How can a mountain range be replanted? Is it possible to ever return it to pristine condition again? What will happen to the sumps that are put in place to capture used motor oil?
14. Is recycling of cement a reasonable alternative? What happened to the remains of the 14 Freeway or other large cement projects that are redone? Does this industry practice recycling like the water, aluminum and steel industries? Why is it necessary to mine this cement?

July 3, 1999

Nancy Miller
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Dear Ms. Moore:

I am writing you to indicate my great dissatisfaction with the proposed mining project on Soledad Canyon Road (Transit Mixed Concrete). The proposed environmental impact is severely flawed and does not adequately consider the effects of the project on residents of the area. The data contained in the report regarding residents of the area does not consider approved residential projects constructed since the proposal was first created, nor does it contain current traffic data. Air quality reports from the AQMD from 1997 and 1998 indicate that 50 days per year conditions exceeded State standards. The nearest reporting station is 11 miles away and does not have measuring device for particulate matter which the EIS states is going to have a significant negative impact.

This proposal is not in the best interests of the county or the communities it is surrounded by. Transit Mix operates in the interests of its stockholders and not the communities in which it operates, since it refuses to consider the "reduced mining concept" as a possibility.

A wise utilization of resources would be to permit a smaller scale operation, most significantly, a local company who has proven to be concerned with the community. Such a proposal would limit severe air quality degradation, over-harvesting of subterranean water on the local aquifer and less traumatic traffic conditions. **Analyze the conflicting land use issues.** As the demand for aggregate increases, companies interested in acquiring mining rights will address environmental issues more responsibly than Southdown. Recognize the rights of residents over stockholders!

Sincerely,

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July 6, 1999

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I urge the Regional Planning Commission vote NO MINING PROJECT!

Sincerely,

Susan P. Wilson
(sign name)

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(print name)

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(address)

CANYON COUNTRY, CA 91351-2156
(city, state, zip)

cc: Mike Antonovich: Supervisor, 5th District, @Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 W. Valencia Blvd., Suite 255, Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

Jo Ann Darcy, Mayor, City of Santa Clarita, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 W. Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Jeffrey Lambert, Director, Planning & Development, City of Santa Clarita, Santa Clarita City Hall, 23920 Santa Clarita, CA 91355

May 16, 1999

July 7, 1999

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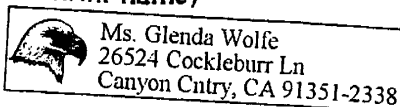
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Glenda Wolfe
(sign name)

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(city, state, zip)

cc: Mike Antonovich: Supervisor, 5th District
Jeffrey Lambert, Director, Planning & Development, Santa Clarita
Jo Ann Darcy, Mayor, Santa Clarita



August 3, 1999

Ms. Jo Anne Darcy, Mayor
City of Santa Clarita
23820 Valencia Blvd.
Suite 300
Santa Clarita, CA. 91351-2196

Re: Department of the Interior, BLM
Southdown Corporation, TMC
Soledad Canyon Mining

Dear Mayor Darcy:

During the past weeks you received a letter, dated June 2, 1999, from Richard Grabowski, Deputy State Director, Energy and Minerals, Bureau of Land Management. As well you have received a letter, dated July 2, 1999, from Mr. Brian Mastin, Environmental Affairs Manager, Southdown Corporation (TMC).

Both of those letters question the validity of recent testimony of mine at hearings and meetings referencing the proposed Sand & Gravel Mining Plan on my property in upper Soledad Canyon. In both letters I have been described as a liar, and in both letters my honesty and reputation have been attacked.

I do not intend to take the same "low road" as chosen by both the BLM and TMC, but will instead offer to meet with you and describe, face to face, the inaccuracies of their letters, and why I feel it is necessary to respond.

At all times, my testimony has been honest and accurate, and not false and mis-leading as they would like to characterize it. I am certain that the City Council of Santa Clarita can make decisions based on their own knowledge of situations, and don't need to rely on the comments of Ben Curtis to make those decisions. I am afraid that personal attacks like these are something the people of the Santa Clarita Valley can expect from both the BLM and TMC if they dare to point out very serious issues associated with their obscenely large mining plan and operations.

Of course we would all prefer that both organizations address the issues in their plans that concern this community and save the mud slinging for another venue. The use of the United States Government, Southdown

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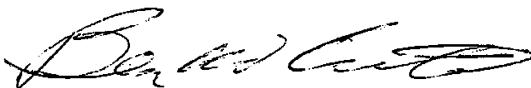
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Corporation and Baker & McKenzie (one of the largest and most influential law firms in the country), to attack a local business man that simply questions what they are attempting to do is an interesting concentration of resources, wouldn't you agree?

I am sorry they saw fit to inundate your files with copies of court documents that they purport to be facts. I am sure they did not tell you that the issues they speak of never actually came to trial, and their allegations were never answered in court. Of course I am sure they left that small fact out.

Again, I am sorry that you had to be brought into this mess, but I have no choice but to defend myself and my reputation. My operations in this community over the past thirty years speak for themselves as to my knowledge of the industry, and more specifically of this particular location. Please contact me if you would like to meet to discuss either this "tirade of frustration" against me, or the more important issue of what the BLM and TMC are trying to do to destroy this fine community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ben W. Curtis", with a stylized, flowing script.

Ben W. Curtis
President

cc: Congressman Howard P. "Buck" McKeon, 25th District of California
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Fifth District, County Of Los Angeles
Councilpersons, City of Santa Clarita
Los Angeles County, Department of Regional Planning

September 7, 1999

Ms. Julie Moore
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County of Los Angeles
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Moore:

Enclosed please find additional petitions signed by citizens of the Santa Clarita Valley in opposition to the Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Project No. 91-165-(5).

I have also sent copy to Jeffrey Lambert, Director of Planning and Development for the city of Santa Clarita.

And, for the record, I once again state my extreme opposition to this dangerous and destructive project.

Thank you,



Kathy Riggins
29230 N. Sequoia Road
Canyon County, Calif. 91351

cc: Jeffrey Lambert
Director, Planning & Development
City of Santa Clarita
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Kathy
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Michele Engert

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25. Ryan Murphy 29539 Mammoth Lane S.C.

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APPRECIATION OF OUR HOMES & PROPERTY - REALIZE OUR MOST IMPORTANT INVESTMENT

NAME (One name per line)	PLEASE PRINT	ADDRESS
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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

We the following residents of Acton and Agua Dulce are opposed to:

County project number 91-165, The Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel

Mining Project. 1. Due to the inadequacy and erroneous Environmental Impact Report. 2. The complete destruction of the Santa Clara River. 3. The excessive levels of PPM's released into the atmosphere destroying our air quality. 4. The understated use of water from the Santa Clara River. Etc.Etc. We do, hereby fully support the "No Project Alternative".

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Robyn Martin	28974 Gladiolus Dr. C.C. 91351
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LEIGHTON HICKMAN	28106 LANGSIDE CE 91351
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Kathryn Celidonio	17853 Darter Dr Cyn Cntry 91351
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Michael Marshall	29566 Poppy Meadow
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Pam Johnson	29119 Abelia Cyn Cntry, CA 91351
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To: Julie Moore
 Project Planner
 Department of Regional Planning
 County of Los Angeles
 Impact Analysis Section
 Room 1348
 320 W. Temple St.
 Los Angeles CA 90012

From: Jeff & Toney Kay
 14615 Mums Meadow Ct.
 Canyon Country CA 91351

I would like to take this opportunity to express some concerns regarding the Transit Mixed Concrete Inc. proposed sight near Santa Clarita.

My husbands job transferred us here from Atlanta GA about three years ago. When buying a home here we took several things into consideration. One of our biggest concerns was a "family" atmosphere in the neighborhood, something we have definately found. On our cul de sac of 9 houses there are 13 children on this street alone. My husband and I have two boys age 3 and 8 months.

The health and safety of our children is our number one priority, and I fear for their health if this proposed sight is so near our home and schools they will attend in the future. Having bought in this area only 2 1/2 years ago, it was never mentioned to us by real estate people or anyone that this was a proposed mining sight for 15 years or more, had we known that we may not have chose this great area.

If this has been a possiblilty for so long why have they developed the area so much with new developements like StoneCrest, or put a new elementary school, Pinetree, in that amount of time? Not to mention the schools currently being planned for the area.

I also understand that TMC could locate in Little Rock, about 25 miles north of here. I understand the needs of a businness like this, however I just don't want my children, my home or my quality of life put in such jeopardy when it can be moved up the highway a bit. I would be more than happy to put up with the trucks that would be traveling on Hwy. 14 in order for it to be farther away. I would even pay higher taxes or gas prices to give them an incentive to locate further away from homes, schools and established communities.

I know I am only one of many concerned citizens, but I ask that you please consider our concerns. This is a great community, a family community and I would love to see that unchanged by polution, destruction, noise and various health problems.

Thank you very much for listening and taking our concerns seriously.

Sincerely,

Toney Kay

September 7, 1999

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Department of Regional Planning
County of Los Angeles
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320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

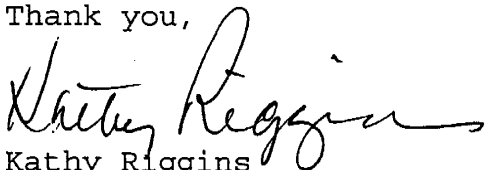
Dear Ms. Moore:

Enclosed please find additional petitions signed by citizens of the Santa Clarita Valley in opposition to the Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Project No. 91-165-(5).

I have also sent copy to Jeffrey Lambert, Director of Planning and Development for the city of Santa Clarita.

And, for the record, I once again state my extreme opposition to this dangerous and destructive project.

Thank you,



Kathy Riggins
29230 N. Sequoia Road
Canyon County, Calif. 91351

cc: Jeffrey Lambert
Director, Planning & Development
City of Santa Clarita
23920 Valencia Blvd., Ste 300
Santa Clarita, California 91355

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Kim Quickenbush	Kim Quickenbush	14831 BECONIAS LN, CANYON COUNTRY 91351
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21. Ben Curtis P.O. Box 1367 CC 91386
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SANTA CLARITA VALLEY

We the following residents of Acton and Agua Dulce are opposed to:

County project number 91-165, The Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel

Mining Project. 1. Due to the inadequacy and erroneous Environmental Impact Report. 2. The complete destruction of the Santa Clara River. 3. The excessive levels of PPM's released into the atmosphere destroying our air quality. 4. The understated use of water from the Santa Clara River. Etc.Etc. **We do, hereby fully support the "No Project Alternative".**

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Michael Kling	13130 Soledad CANY RD	Michael Kling
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Carol Marino	Carol Marino	28938 Sam Pl. Canyon Cntry, (A 9135)
Alice East	Alice East	29377 BEGONIAS C.C. 91351
MARY LINDSEY	MARY LINDSEY	29377 BEGONIAS LANE Cyn Ctry, CA 91351
Charles Lindsey	Charles Lindsey	29377 BEGONIAS LANE Cyn Ctry CA 91351

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Name (one per line) print name address:

1. DENNIS SKELTON 30407 JASMINE Valley Dr Canyon County
2. Randall Pfeister 29401 Wistaria Valley Rd. Canyon Country 91351
3. Theresa Tye 30353 Honeyuckle Hill Dr Canyon Country CA 91351
4. JOHN SKELLEY 15670 POPPYSEED LN. Canyon County, WILLING TO HELP
5. BONNIE HOOD 28650 MACKLIN CANYON CTRY, CA 25661-252-0152
6. Alvin Miller 15707 Roseheron Lane CC 91351
7. KEVIN SPARKWILL 15434 NASTURTIUM DR. SANTA CLARITA, CA 91351
8. ~~JAN JORDAN~~
9. DAVID WILSON
10. Lisa Edwards 15808 Ada St. Canyon City 91351
11. Fannie Weber 15832 ADA ST Canyon City 91351
12. Marilyn Kire 15820 ADA ST CANYON COUNTRY 91351
13. MISS ADRIAN 158321 ADA ST CANYON COUNTRY.
14. Bill Miller 15906 ADA St. Canyon City 91351
15. JACK E. KING 15908 ADA ST CC. 91351
16. HAM CRONIN 15921 ADA ST CC 91351
17. JIM RACKY 15921 ADA ST CC 91351
18. Randy Gerson 15903 ADA ST CC 91351
19. Debra Robbins 15841 Ada St Canyon Country CA 91351
20. E. BLAIRE 15835 ADA St Canyon Country CA 91351
21. Ven Vaneau 15805 Ada St C.C. 91351
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Carolyn Empero	15381 Rhododendron Dr. C.C. 91351
Lawrence Schallert	24851 Granddora Rd Pinetree 91351
Judy McClore	29111 Lotusgarden Dr. C.C. 91351
Rebecca Small	3828 Cory Ave Acton CA 93510
Art Nobles	15756 Ruthspring Dr. C.C. 91351
Robyn Martin	28974 Gladiolus Dr. C.C. Ca. 91351
Heather McKeen	29313 Hidden Oak Pl 91351
LEIGHTON HICKMAN	28166 LANGSIDE CE 91351
SPENCER WILSON	28109 Juncos Dr. SANLUIS 91350
Sandy Howard	27664 Mustang Dr #4, CC 91351
Leesa Miller	23920 Parkbur Dr. Newhall, CA 91321
BRENT MARTIN	28974 Gladiolus C.C. CA 91351
M. Jeremy Hunt	26134 Friendly Valley Pkwy S.C. 91321
James T. Puma	28908 Sam Place CC 91351
STEVE BIVENS	15112 POPPY MEADOW ST. SANTA CLARITA 91351
HAROLD MCKEON	29313 HIDDEN OAK PL, SANTA CLARITA, CA 91351
Heather Gale	29313 Hidden Oak Pl 91351
Mandy Miller	17789 Sierra Hwy 91351
MATE MCKEON	26152 RAVENHILL C.C. 91351
Balwinder Kaur	29823 WISTERIA VALLEY RD CA 91351
William Hunt	29775 WISTERIA VALLEY RD 91351
Coree Valorum	29745 WISTERIA VALLEY RD 91351
Sheri Davidson	29733 Wistaria Vly Rd 91351
Belinda Carpenter	29719 Wistaria Vly Rd 91351
LELY MOORE JR	29665 WISTARIA VLY RD 91351

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1. KAREN EVANKO-ZWAIN 14609 GERANIUM GLEN LN, C.C. 91351
2. Sandy Nobles 15756 Ruthspring Dr. CC, 91351
3. CHRIS CONNELLY 29113 FLORABUNDA CC 91351
4. MARK CONNELLY " "
5. JACK McKEON 28851 SHAWDALEY SANGAS 91350
6. ~~SANDRA~~ McKEON " " " "
7. Sherry Bivens 15112 Poppy Meadow St. CC. 91351
8. Erika Gettling ERIKA GETTLING 271040 Nugget Dr #3 CC 91351
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Name (one per line) print name address:

Russell G. Sifter 11834 Daffodil Ct
Barbara Wegnerholm 14828 Daffodil Ct

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SAFETY FROM FIRE HAZARD - DUE TO EXPLOSIVES, CHEMICAL STORAGE TANKS ETC.
APPRECIATION OF OUR HOMES & PROPERTY - REALIZE OUR MOST IMPORTANT INVESTMENT

NAME (ONE NAME PER LINE):

ADDRESS:

Ornette Utte	27971 Arroyo Ln #221 Canyon Country
Susan Mc Millon	27844 Lost Spring Rd " " "
William Van Lohy	11840 Abilene Lane. AGUA Dulce
Charlotte B. Van Lohy	11840 Abilene Lane Agua Dulce
Dave Hansen	15555 Bronco Dr CC 91351
John D. Doh	16411 Wamuth CC 91351
Ann-Marie Spay & Co	22900 Circle J Ranch Rd. SCV
Martine Gonzalez	14822 Begonias Ln., C.C. 91351
Thp D	27066 #6 CROSS GLADE, SANTA CLARITA
James J. Burt	27330 Rolling Hills. CC 91351
Steve Marshall	29566 Poppy Meadow, CC 91351
Mel Pritch	29646 GRANDIFLORES CC 91351
ALLAN CAMERON	29603 WISTARIA VALLEY RD SC, 91351
Jeanne Catron-Gonzalez	23938 Ranney House Ct. SC 91355
Pamela Kost	30252 Abelia Rd C.C. 91351
JEFFREY KOST	30252 ABELIA RD C.C. 91351 Age 25
Jeffrey Kost	30252 ABELIA RD. C.C. 91351
Timothy M. Dully	29522 W. Mammoth Ln CC 91351
Amanda Bonatar	27987 Lost Springs Rd CC 91351
Gregory A. Silberman, CRE	14556 Grandifloras Rd, Canyon Country, CA 91351
Liliana Pagan-Silberman	14556 Grandifloras Rd, Canyon Country, CA 91351

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1. ALEXIS HAMILTON 15254 CARLA CT. CYN CTRY 91351
2. Lynne Paulson 15254 Carla Ct. Cyn Ctry 91351
3. Lance Miller Lance Miller 17789 Sierra Hwy Cyn Ctry 91351
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NAME (ONE NAME PER LINE):

ADDRESS:

DIANE TRAUTMAN	27665 Myrin Ct., Saugus 91350
ERIC STILLWELL	20204 Grattland Dr. Canyon City 91351
CASIMER BIALAS	19102 VICEI ST Canyon City 91351
Jessica Pancake	15805 ADA ST 91351
Susan P. Wilson	28838 Oak Spring Cyn. Rd., Cyn. Country
Don Grando	11615 L... ..
Karl Fehr	30405 Safford Pl 231332
Renee E. Whalen	28902 Sam Place Cyn Cntry 91351
Nicole Ortega	11603 Highfalls st Cyn Cntry 91351
Kathryn Celidonio	17858 Darter Dr Cyn Cntry 91351
John Celidonio	same as above
Michael Marshall	29566 Poppy Meadow
Rachel Marshall	" " "
Briatte Spooner	23380 W. Camford Dr. Valencia 91354
Pam Johnson	29119 Abelia Cyn Cntry, CA 91351
Roy Johnson	29119 Abelia Cyn Cntry CA 91351
F... Stark	28312 Mt. Stephen Canyon Country 91351
Para (Ses)	15707 Rosehaven Ln Canyon Country 91351

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Name (one per line)	print name	address:
1.	GEORGE SPONER	TREASURER NORTHBRIDGE HOME OWNERS 1200 HOME OWNERS
2.	DEBORAH MILLER	- 14847 DAFFODIL AVE. - (661) 251-1380
3.	Catherine Pancake	19620 Babington St. C.C. 661 252-6814
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Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-110

Comment Form

Date: 9-8-99

Name/Title: _____

Representing: Pinecrest School
16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: _____

Dear Mrs More

Blowing up the mountains
could give us a vally Luisises.
The dust it makes can reach
Los Vagons. It will last
for twenty years.

Sincerely John
Howell

Zip:

Fax:

Dear Mrs. Moore,

Have you heard
the news? The Transit
mixed concrete company
is blowing up a mountain 10
miles away from our school.
It could give us valley fever. I
don't want to die when I'm in
4th grade. I'm asking you no
I'm begging you please stop them.

Sincerely
Clinton South

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-112

Comment Form

Date: September 8, 1999

Name/Title: _____

Representing: _____

Address: Pinecrest School
16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: Dear Mr. Antonovich,

Transit Mix Concrete
Company is trying to blow
up a mountain in Santa
Clarita. If we don't stop
them alot of people will
get sick make die. Please
can you help us.

Sincerely,
Bryce

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-113

Comment Form

Date: September 8, 1999

Name/Title: Pinecrest School

Representing: 16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: Dear Mr. Antonovich
we need your help the Transit
Mixed Concrete Company are
going to block up a mountain
by Soledad Canyon Road. And
if they do we can get sick
and die so we hope you
can save us are homes and
are school.

Sincerely Your
pal Evan

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-114

Comment Form

Date: 9-8-99

Name/Title: _____

Representing: _____

Pinecrest School
16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: Ask Mrs. Moore, please help us stop
the mining project we need your help.
The mining project is off Soledad Canyon
Road the motion is right there. We need
the help for the Santa Clarita river and
the animals that live there. We can
get sick from this project my doctor
almost lost two patients from valley fever.

Sincerely
your pal Ashton

Proposed L.A. County
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IO-115

Comment Form

Date: 9/8/99

Name/Title:

Representing: 16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351

Address: 805-298-2127

City: State: Zip:

Telephone: Fax:

Comments: Dear Mrs. Moore,

Please stop Transit Mixed Concrete
Company from doing this. If they do this
it will hurt me and alot others.
I hope you can stop this from
happning Mrs. Moore.

Sincerely,

Christian

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-116

Comment Form

Date: Sep 18/1999

Name/Title: _____

Representing: Pinecrest School

Address: 16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: _____

Dear Mr. Moore
We want you to
stop the dynamites.
The people are going
to blow dust and
we can get cold's and
diseases and some can
die. And it is very
close to my house.
And it will go on
for twenty years.
Sincerely

John Hyatt

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-117

Comment Form

Date: 9-8-99

Name/Title: _____

Representing: _____

16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: _____

Dear Ms. Moore,
Please help us stop this problem.
It will make many people sick.
It will destroy stuff and not
make anybody like it. Many
people are against the problem.
It might even hurt animals. This
problem is in Soledad Canyon
Road only 10 miles away from are
school and it could hurt us
children.

Sincerely,
Yasamin

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-118

Comment Form

Date: 9-8-99

Name/Title:

Representing: Pinecrest School
16530 Lost Canyon Road

Address: Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

City: State: Zip:

Telephone: Fax:

Comments:

Dear Mr. Antonovich,

Can you please save our environment
because our environment is beautiful and
nobody wants to have a desize. The
people that are bombing the mountain
is the Trancit Mixed Concrete company.

Sincerely
Kevin Devera

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

Comment Form

Date: September 8, 1999

Name/Title: _____

Representing: _____

Address: _____

Pinecrest School
16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

City: _____

Telephone: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Fax: _____

Comments: _____

Dear Ms. Moore

Please help us with our
environment. theres going to be
a lot of dust if you don't help
us. kids could get really sick.
For twenty years the Transit Mixed
Concrete Company will be working!
The dust will harm our air.
So Please help us.

Sincerely
Jessica

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Date:

9-8-99

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Pinecrest School
16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

Representing:

Address:

State:

Zip:

City:

Fax:

Telephone:

Comments:

Dear Mrs. Moore,

I think those
people shouldn't
blow up the mountain
because we could get
sick by the dust, and
we could almost die.

The mountain is by
located by Sand Canyon

Sincerely,
Michael Kidon

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-121

Comment Form

Date: 9-8-99

Name/Title: _____

Representing: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: _____

Dear Mrs. Moore,
I think this is wrong and
I don't want this to happen. I
mean were just kids. Try to
stop the Transit Mixed Concrete
Company. Please help us stop them.
I don't want to be sick and I don't
want my friends to be sick either.
Nor my Teacher and our school is
only 10 miles away from the mountain
there blowing up. Sincerely,

Michael O'Brian

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-122

Comment Form

Date: 9-8-99

Name/Title: _____

Representing: Pinecrest School

Address: 16530 Lost Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351
805-298-2127

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: _____

Dear Mrs. Moore,
I really want the blowing up
of the dynamite to stop. I don't
want to get sick. I also don't want
my friends, my family, my pets, or
anything else to get sick either.
My classmates and I all want
to stop this thing as much
as you do.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Paladecki

Message

Dear Planning Commission:

I would like to go on record as opposition to the above named project. There are multiple building sites currently under construction in the SCV. The Aqua Dulce aggregate mining was decided against by Rep. McKeon. This was based largely on testimony by health care providers and their statistics regarding the disbursement of fugitive dust particles PM 10 that would be released into the air to damage respiratory systems of nearby school students. AQMD can do nothing to alleviate the SPONTANEOUS dust outbursts created by Santa Ana winds. The health hazards imposed by this dust should be considered when planning ANY project- whether it be in the city or the county.

Sydell Stokes

25715 No. Hogan DR., B-1

Valencia, CA 91355-2334

661 254-6750

8/23/99

Phone: 805 254-6750, Fax: 805 254-6750

To: LA County Regional Planning Com Fax Number : 1 213 626-0434

From : Sydell Stokes

Pages: 3

Date: 8/23/99

From: Gonzo4fire@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, July 04, 1999 11:53 AM
To: jmoore@planning.co.la.ca.us
Subject: Proposed sand & gravel mining project

Dear Julie Moore,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the proposed blasting project in my community. I have lived in Canyon Country for the last 8 years after living in the San Fernando Valley the rest of my life. I moved to the Santa Clarita Valley to get away from some of the smog and pollution in the air. And about a week ago, I was saddened to hear the Transit Mixed Concrete Co. wants to further pollute the air that we breathe. It will be done with total disregard for the people with respiratory problems that many people in my neighborhood suffer. I have outgrown my asthma, but now my adult children have it, as do four of my grandchildren. My visits with them are far and few. Some times those visits are shortened because of a trip to the hospital as a result of an asthma attack.

You might think that this project only affects the people that live here. If you do your sadly mistaking to think so. My children and their children visit me from Palmdale. Now I want you to imagine the look of fear in their faces as they approach the giant dust cloud as they get off the freeway at Shadowpines Blvd. They'll be afraid to get out of the car and breathe the air that could put an end to their short lives. Multiply this by all the families in the surrounding communities that will be impacted by your decision. Ask yourself this question. Would you want to live here after this project started? Or, would want any of your family or friends to live here if it did? No? I didn't think so. So don't do it to the ones who already Do!

This project is not good for us and don't want it here. Please side with us and vote against it and live with a clear conscience that you did. Thank You!

Sincerely Yours,

Edward Gonzalez
30446 Abelia Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351-1517
(661) 252-9535

Moore, Julie

From: Jess Gonzales [jag@ricoreeds.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 1999 9:54 AM
To: jmoore@planning.co.la.ca.us
Cc: ca066@ca.blm.gov; mike@bos.co.la.us
Subject: TMC Mining

Julie Moore, Project Manager Dept. of Regional Planning Country of Los Angeles
Impact Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Moore,

Please distribute this letter to each of the following, thank you:

Esther Feldman Renee L. Campbell Don Toy
Cheryl Virgil George Pederson

I am writing to you today to express my deep concern over the proposed TMC mining operation in Canyon Country, Santa Clarita. Please DO NOT allow such an operation to move into my community. I have lived in Canyon Country for the last 13 years.

As you probably know Santa Clarita is one of the fastest growing communities in California. People come here for the quality of life Santa Clarita has to offer. It is a great place to raise children. Are you aware that within approximately a 5 mile radius of the proposed TMC site there are 6 elementary schools, most with enrollment at or over capacity?

Did you know that the Santa Clara River water table, which supplies drinking water to schools, residents and businesses in the area, will be in jeopardy if the TMC project is permitted? There is concern over whether or not there will be enough water for the future development of residences and two golf courses, this is before the consideration of the TMC proposal. If TMC is approved, whatever water is left will be dangerously contaminated and not safe for consumption.

I am very concerned about how our air quality will be effected especially on windy days which this area experiences regularly throughout the year. I do not believe that TMC will be able to properly monitor or control the harmful contaminates that will be released into the air.

Another concern is the number of trucks that will be traveling our local roads and Highway 14. The Hwy is already congested with commuter traffic, trucks and school buses. The potential for traffic accidents will be very high. The roads and Hwy will be in constant need of repair and all of these trucks will add to the pollution of the air.

And then there is the dynamite blasting! Would you want to live in an area where you would hear and or feel the vibration from the blast 2 to 4 times a week? What will this constant vibration do to this potential seismic hot spot over the next 20 years?

There are many, many serious concerns over this proposal. It makes no sense to have such a major project next door to a growing community. The two are NOT COMPATIBLE. A project of this magnitude needs to be far away from residences, schools and businesses. If my family would had knowledge of the

TMC proposed site 4 years ago when we bought our home located near Soledad Canyon and Shadow Pines, we would not have bought here. Why wasn't this information made more accessible to the public? I understand that the County of Los Angeles has been aware of this proposal for at least 10 years!

Please DO NOT allow this project to go forward and ruin the health, lives and livelihood of our community. This proposed site does not belong in Santa Clarita.

I request and anxiously await your reply.

Sincerely,

Martine E. Gonzales
14822 Begonias Lane
Canyon Country, CA 91351
(661) 298-0714

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Victoria Colligan	Victoria Colligan	10922 Yolanda Av. Northridge 91326
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Cynthia Hathaway	Cynthia Hathaway	26864 N. Claudette Santa Clarita 91351
Donald Wyse	Donald Wyse	23502 Lyons Ave #303, Santa Clarita CA 91381
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George M. Hathaway	George M. Hathaway	26864 N. Claudette Santa Clarita 91351
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Julie TREN	Julie TREN	10700 Louise #10 GH 91344
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MARLA OLIVE	MARLA OLIVE	22224 Horizon Pl Chatsworth 91311

STOP THE ROCK QUARRY PROJECT

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS OF CANYON COUNTRY, SANTA CLARITA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, HEREBY PROTEST AGAINST THE ROCK QUARRY PROJECT. THIS PROJECT - HEREBY KNOWN AS PROJECT NO. 91-165-(5) SURFACE MINING PERMIT PROPOSED BY TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CO.

!!! STOP THE MINING !!!

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<i>Charles E. Miller</i>	Charles E. Miller	29435 Floreabunda Rd. Cyn Ctry
<i>Kristy Brentwall</i>	Kristy Brentwall	29429 Floreabunda Rd COUNTRY
<i>Rebecca Delcid</i>	Rebecca Delcid	21300 Alder Dr. #201, Newhall
<i>Terrie Soyemoto</i>	Terrie Soyemoto	12489 Rouge St. Sun Valley 91321
<i>Jodi Fabangay</i>	Jodi Fabangay	30514 Yucca Pl, Castaic 91384
<i>Anna McConville</i>	Anna McConville	25874 Arzio Way, Valencia 91355
<i>Dina Morrison</i>	Dina Morrison	12234 Rimplico Dr., Saugus 91350
<i>Nanay Pat</i>	Nanay Pat	20960 Judah Ln, Newhall 91321
<i>Barbara Dallis</i>	Barbara Dallis	28989 Sam Place Cyn. Ctry 91350
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<i>Lila Kemp</i>	Lila Kemp	23502 Lyns Ave #203 Santa Clarita 91321
<i>Nina Edwards</i>	Nina Edwards	10213 Russer Ave No. #115 Canyon Country 91343
<i>Dan Broyles</i>	Dan Broyles	18143 Erils Ct #235 Canyon Country 91351
<i>Michelle Llorens</i>	Michelle Llorens	27618 Hartford Ave, Castaic, CA 91309
<i>Sandra Crozier</i>	Sandra Crozier	2515 Trails End Rd. Acton
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<i>Eva Yomtobian</i>	Eva Yomtobian	25715 W. Hamlet, Stevenson Ranch 91381

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project.

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Comment Form

Date: June 22, 1999

Name/Title: LATANYA Monet Pierce

Representing: Acton Town Council (President)

Address: 4145 Gillespie Ave

City: Acton State: CA Zip: 93510

Telephone: 2695904 Fax: 2698119

Comments: As a community leader, Resident and
mother of Acton I am totally opposed
to the Transit Mix Mining Project. I
have heard the opposition points of bad air,
heavy traffic, property value decline, etc.
What really upsets me is that there are
other areas for this project. We all moved
out to Acton and Agua Dulce for our
quality of life and to have this big
company come in and have a lack of
disregard for our communities is appalling.
If this was the community of the CEO,
CFO, President or stockholders of TMX it
wouldn't be a matter at all.

NO to TMX in our Valley

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-128

Comment Form

Date: 7/25/99

Name/Title: KAREN EVANKO-ZWAIN

Representing: _____

Address: 14609 GERANIUM GLEN LN.

City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA. Zip: 91351

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: I am opposed to the proposed
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining
Project. I live in the Shadow Pines
Golfing Development, very near to
the project. I am concerned about
air pollution, noise, water pollution
and decreased value of my home.
It is too large of a project with
too many negative problems.

I am requesting you vote against
the project, and allow the City of
Santa Clarita to continue as a
desirable city.

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-129

Comment Form

Date: 7-11-99

Name/Title: Susan Perry, Esq.

Representing: n/a

Address: 22341 Melodi Lane

City: Saugus State: CA Zip: 91350

Telephone: 661-296-0704 Fax: 213-623-8288

Comments: As a resident of the Santa
Clarita Valley, and a concerned citizen
regarding the environmental impacts of the
proposed project, I do not believe the
DEIR adequately addresses nor ^{proposes} adequate
mitigations of the environmental impacts
of this project, including:

- Air quality emissions from diesel trucks
engaged in the project's operations
- Fugitive dust and particulate matter
- Congestion / circulation impacts negatively
affect local roads and highways
- Noise from diesel truck shifting gears,
as well as noise from general operations
- Lighting and glare impacts from the project
- Impact to waterways.

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IO-130

Comment Form

Date: 7/15/99

Name/Title: DOTTIE McTAGGART

Representing: GRAND CHILDREN

Address: 27915 SARABANDE LANE #415

City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA Zip: 91350

Telephone: 661-250-0224 Fax: 661-254-8653

Comments: As a resident of the Valley It concerns me greatly when I hear reports of Air Quality being affected, roads destroyed, Noise levels raised, Danger to water systems & Wildlife this should be enough for a NO on this Mining Projects

As Humon beings think of this in your Backyard. Do you want it???

PLEASE PLEASE NO

MINING IN SCV

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-131

Comment Form

Date: JULY 19, 99

Name/Title: JOHN K. SKELLEY & JACKIE SKELLEY

Representing: MEMBER OF: SIERRA CLUB, PLACERITA CYN. NATURE CTR ASSEC
JACKIE IS ALSO A TEACHER

Address: 15670 POPPYSEED LANE

City: CANYON COUNTRY State: CA Zip: 91351-1850

Telephone: 661-252-0152

Fax: _____

Comments: IT IS BEYOND BELIEF THAT A
GOVERNMENT THAT ESPOUSES A
CONCERN FOR THE EDUCATION OF
OUR YOUNG WOULD CONSIDER A
PROJECT OF THIS NATURE TO BE
ESTABLISHED TWO MILES AWAY FROM
A GRAMMAR SCHOOL WHICH SERVES
THE NEEDS OF 500 (PLUS) CHILDREN.
OBVIOUSLY THE DEIR IS DEFICIENT.

Proposed L.A. County
Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

IO-132

Comment Form

Date: July 1, 1999

Name/Title: David J. Vogl

Representing: MYSELF

Address: 2030 Shadow Canyon Road

City: Acton State: CA Zip: 93510

Telephone: 661/269-4909 Fax: Same

Comments: I am AGAINST allowing sand and gravel mining in Soledad Canyon. there are too many inconveniences in their proposal and their mining will adversely affect the people and living conditions in our area.

I urge you to DENY this proposal!

DJ Vogl

reject the Soledad Canyon Sand &
Gravel mining project.

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Comment Form

Date: 7/10/99
Name/Title: Tammy Skinner & Todd Skinner
Representing: Homeowners in the area.
Address: 29645 Wistaria Valley Rd.
City: Canyon Country State: CA Zip: 91351
Telephone: 661-298-8844 Fax: 661-298-5653

Comments: We brought our house in Canyon
Country six years ago because it's
a peaceful community and a nurturing
place to raise our family. We strongly
oppose the above Soledad Canyon Sand
& Gravel mining project. This mining
project will have a tremendously
negative impact on our city's
environment and communities as well
as the health and well being of
our children. For these obvious
reasons we urge you, the
Regional Planning Commission, to

IO-134

NO

SOLEDAD CANYON SAND & GRAVEL MINING PROJECT

Dear: *Distinguished Gentlemen*

The proposed sand/gravel strip mining; Transit Mix Corp., & followed by CalMmat (Stretching from Augua Dulce Cyn. Rd to Acton) Is not in the best interest of Southern California or my family. This northern portion of LA County is the last of it's kind. Don't be a fool and approve the rape of the few remaining portions of LA County that support this quality of life. There are numerous other location which are more cost affective than this location. So... Consider what the real long term agenda is of those who would propose such a violent act on Families and Land.

Be the leaders we need!

Not the puppets of Developers!

Robert Proctor
PO Box 883 Acton CA 93510

**PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO THE LIVES OF PEOPLE
AND THE ENVIRONMENT!**

Cc: Honorable Michael Antonovich, Supervisor 5th District, Co. L.A.

**George Pederson 5th District
Department Regional Planning, County Los Angeles**

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May 16, 1999

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Sincerely,

Mary & Arthur Ludwig

(sign name)

MARY & ARTHUR LUDWIG

(print name)

16191 LOST CANYON Rd.

(address)

CANYON COUNTRY, CA. 91351-2115

(city, state, zip)

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(print name)

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(address)

Santa Clarita CA 91342

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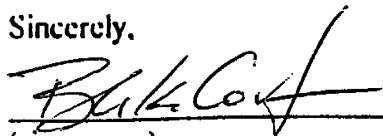
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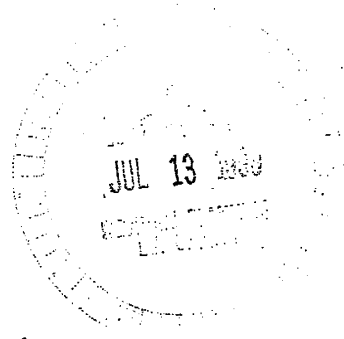
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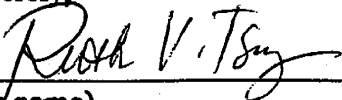
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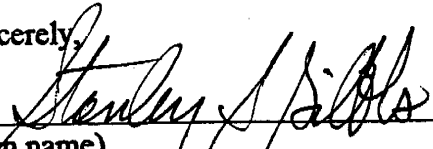
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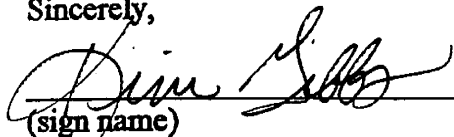
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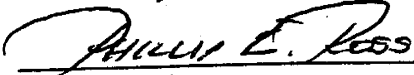
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RE: PROPOSED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOLEDAD CANYON SAND AND GRAVEL MINING PROJECT

Dear Ms. Moore:

This letter is being sent to United States Senator Boxer; United States Senator Feinstein; United States Congressman McKeon; California State Senator Knight; California Assemblyman Runner; Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Antonovich; Mayor Darcy, City of Santa Clarita; Julie Moore, Project Manager; Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning; and Jeffrey Lambert Director of Planning and Development, City of Santa Clarita.

We are writing to you today regarding our very strong opposition to the proposed Los Angeles County Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project. We would like you to stop this project and not let any mining take place here.

We have attended two meetings in June and July with hundreds of other residents who are in opposition to this project. The meeting in June was a very well organized and planned workshop presented by the City of Clarita with specialist consultants to help inform the residents of the City of Santa Clarita and surrounding areas about this project. The meeting on July 14 was a Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission meeting. At that meeting homeowner association groups, town councils, the City of Clarita and many other experts testified to the Commission of their extreme opposition to this project.

My family and I are writing to you today to ask you to stop this project. We work very hard to pay our bills. We purchased our home here in the Stonecrest development just outside the City of Santa Clarita limits in the Canyon Country area of the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County three years ago. We paid a lot of money for it and do not want to see its property value go down, have health problems, noise problems, more traffic problems, more fire hazards and noise problems. I drive 40 miles each way to work at the Foundation for the Junior Blind as their grants manager in Los Angeles near the Crenshaw District. I do not want to see more traffic on the 14 freeway which is already tremendously overcrowded.

Steve Penn, a representative of the builder of our home, Pacific Bay Homes, told us that when they started the Stonecrest project they were never told about the plans for this mining project which we understand has been in the development stages for more than 10 years. His company is extremely upset about this proposed project because it will devalue the projected new houses that they continue to build out here. How could the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, that is appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, approve housing here knowing that this mining project was moving forward? How can the United States government approve use of this land—which we understand is under their jurisdiction and that they will receive royalties from when it is mined—knowing that there are thousands of homes now built within one mile of the proposed mining project site?

In addition to our concerns about potential health hazards, increased traffic congestion, property value reductions, noise, fire hazards, we are aware of many flaws in the Environmental Impact Report that was initially conducted and recently reviewed by several consultants.

It is our understanding that the EIR is missing some of the technical studies needed to determine if many of the findings and conclusions in the EIR are accurate. A majority of the information is dated and the technical studies are inaccurate. The following analyses have so many mistakes they should be completely redone: seismic, hydrology, biological resources, traffic and pavement. Some of the thresholds used to judge if impacts are significant are wrong or too high. The EIR both understates and misses a number of likely significant project impacts.

Regarding the project, the EIR doesn't adequately describe or analyze the location of three off-site water wells and a water pipeline; and the EIR fails to properly analyze a possible third phase of the project.

EXISTING SETTING

The discussion of land uses and residential developments in the project area is dated and minimal and impacts to local communities are not adequately analyzed. The City of Santa Clarita boundaries are wrong: the 1991 annexation of the Oak Springs Canyon area and the 1998 annexation of Hunter's Green are missing. The EIR doesn't mention the proposed Thompson Ranch or California Canyons annexations. Thus, impacts to City and residents is understated.

IMPACT ANALYSIS

GEOTECHNICAL

The maximum earthquake potential on nearby faults, site ground motion, and site classification are incorrectly identified; the ground motion potential may have been underestimated by 70%; no analysis of potential for liquefaction, lateral spreading, or collapsible/compressible soils; and there is insufficient documentation regarding the slope stability of proposed slopes.

WATER RESOURCES

The total volume of groundwater in storage may be largely overestimated. The effects of project groundwater use on aquifer storage is not fully evaluated. There is insufficient information to fully evaluate effect of water use on amount of underground water, the Santa Clara River, and the downstream habit. Impacts identified in the EIR appear to be understated and, potential for ground settlement resulting from groundwater withdrawal is not fully evaluated.

WATER QUALITY

No information is provided on the design of storm water detention basins. We can't determine if they are adequate to keep storm water and silt from entering the river. The inspection schedule for storm water detention facilities is inadequate. The debris basin outlet design may not achieve the stated detention standards. No mitigations are included for pollution from on-site vehicle maintenance.

NOISE AND VIBRATION

1992 15-minute noise readings are used to simulate 1999 24-hour noise averages. Inappropriate impact significance criteria is used. The EIR failed to use and include County Noise Ordinance (County Code 12.08). There is no analysis of cumulative truck noise from multiple proposed mining operations in the area.

PUBLIC SERVICES

The EIR fails to discuss possible increased roadway maintenance costs from sand and gravel that may spill or leak from trucks onto local roadways.

AIR QUALITY

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CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Mitigations are not consistent with state statute requirements.

VISUAL

No real analysis of aesthetic impacts during the 20 years of project mining has been done in the EIR. The EIR doesn't adequately analyze aesthetic impacts to views from several existing and proposed residential developments directly to the north, northwest and northeast of the project site, including neighborhoods within the City of Santa Clarita; the Angeles National Forest; the Santa Clara River; and locations along the Metrolink rail corridor. The transformation of the secondary ridgeline that will be glaringly obvious to users of the Antelope Valley Freeway and neighborhoods located to the west is not addressed. The EIR doesn't call the filling of the north storage area that will transform the north-facing side of the ridge into a solid, filled-in ravine a significant impact.

TRAFFIC

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PAVEMENT

The pavement analysis is flawed. Impacts are understated and mitigation measures will not fully mitigate impacts. The technical appendix shows that the project would contribute to payment failure along two roadway segments. This is not addressed in the EIR. The EIR doesn't require the project to participate financially in roadway widening which the analysis shows is needed.

LAND USE

The EIR doesn't discuss potential impacts to the Pinetree development (2,330 single-family homes) or the general Canyon Country-area located approximately two miles from the project site. It fails to acknowledge or address the City's geographic proximity and relationship to the site. The intensity and scale of the mining operations near residential developments and the river is not considered when determining the compatibility of the project with land use in the area.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

There is no analysis of the potential respiratory impacts of the project. There is no analysis of the potential increase in Valley Fever due to project grading. The EIR uses a public awareness campaign to mitigate

impacts of blasting-related ground vibration on residents. It does not identify or discuss an evacuation plan for use in the event of an emergency.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Mitigation measures, as written, are arguably unenforceable.

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The analysis of cumulative impacts is qualitative rather than quantitative; quantitative analysis is required. The cumulative project list is old. The cumulative analysis doesn't address the strong development trend in the Valley demonstrated by the location and timing of City annexations and residential development in the Canyon Country area.

ALTERNATIVES

Project objectives are used to inappropriately limit the alternatives considered. The EIR should include alternatives designed to reduce project impacts. The analysis of alternatives is very general and is not based on calculations.

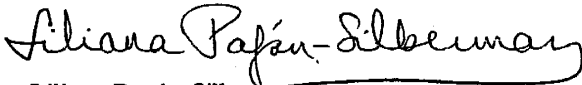
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From Edith H Jeske

Subject: The gravel pit. *Project #91-165-5*

This is what I call the worst thing that the B.L.M. could do to any country. I do believe we live in a country run by a government of the people not a corp that wants to take the land from under us.

This group has money on its mind and when they involve the government that all else goes out the door. Don't they realize the people are the ones they will get the money from and when the people say no more what are they going to do.

Please consider the results this project will have on the whole of Southern Calif. and its people. There have been many letters sent to you about all the different effect the work will have on the people please consider them all and make the right decision.

Thank you very much for the work you are doing.



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Dear Ms. Moore,

Let me start off by telling you that I am not an activist, politician, or expert in any field pertaining to the mining project being proposed off Soledad Canyon. (project # 91-165) I am a stay at home mom trying to help my husband get a small business off the ground. As a mother and taxpayer of the community, I am shocked that something of this magnitude is being proposed. Not only will myself, my husband, and my two children,(ages 4 & 7) be severely effected by this, but so will the 27 members of my family. My siblings, their kids, and my parents, all whom live in area!

I live aprox. 3 miles from the mine, and can hear the traffic from Soledad and the 14 freeway from my bedroom window. In fact, I can not open my window on a breezy summer night, such as tonight, because the traffic (mostly trucks) is so loud. I fear my family and neighbors will not get any sleep, windows opened or closed. I would like to know if T.M.C. will be paying for our windows to be double pained? I invite you and anyone from T.M.C. to hear the noise from mine and my children's bedroom windows. We live in a community that has 40% population under the age of 18. Children take naps, how will they with those huge trucks whizzing by every minute? If this goes through we will not be able to turn the noise level down.

My children have asthma, when the wind gets going my kids usually can't play outside. In the last year it seems as though they have already increased the amount of mining that is going on. Can the Commission, the B.L.M., T.M.C. and any other Company in the environmental process promise that we will be able to sustain the lifestyle we have, before mining on this magnitude begins? If not,

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will the federal & county governments, and TMC pay to relocate the community? Like they did for the town whom was effected from the noise from the airport used as a UPS hub?

My husband and I just purchased land on Sierra Highway in Canyon Country, plus my home, as well as a rental property aprox. 3 miles from the mine. Who is going to compensate us if our property values go down? Nobody disclosed any of this when we purchased any of our three properties. The first one was only purchased four years ago. From my understanding, the county has known about this for ten years. What if any members of my family were to develop any number of disease's associated with mining, who will pay for medical bills? What about the damage to our cars from the gravel coming from the trucks or the damage caused from the roads they ruin? Will TMC pay for the cost to fight the fires if they should arise? Because I sure don't want my tax dollars to pay for it! What about the fault line, which they didn't address very much in their EIR; I would like to see that addressed more! Where are they going to get the water for this project? The Pinetree area is already in serious shortage of water. That needs to be addressed more. What about the emission levels in such a high wind area?

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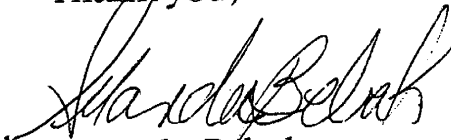
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Amanda Bebak

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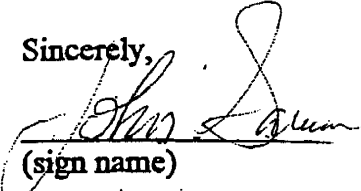
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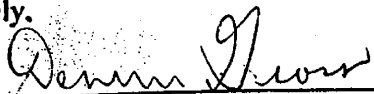
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If you would like to follow up on this letter, you are encouraged to attend a PUBLIC HEARING for the proposed L.A. County Soledad Canyon sand and gravel mining project on Wednesday, July 14, 1999 from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Valencia High School, in the multi-purpose room, 27801 North Dickason Drive, Santa Clarita.

To get there from Newhall Ranch Road, travel north on Dickason Drive. The school is located on the left. The Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project, proposed by Transit Mixed Concrete Company, involves surface mining of 83 million tons of aggregate (sand & gravel) on a 460-acre site just outside the eastern boundary of the City of Santa Clarita, east of the Antelope Valley Freeway in the Los Angeles County jurisdiction. In addition, concrete processing is proposed to occur on a 40-acre area. Both the surface mining and concrete processing operations are proposed to extend over a 20 year period.

At this public hearing, the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission will hear testimony from those in opposition to the mining proposal. Your verbal comments on the environmental impacts of this project will be part of the official record and responded to with a written response in the Final EIR. The Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission is the decision maker for this project with the authority to approve or deny this mining proposal. Contact the City of Santa Clarita's Planning Division at (661) 255-4330, for additional information.

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Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple St.
LA, CA 90012

Dear Regional Planning Commission,

I am writing to urge the commission to reject the proposed Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC) mining project no. 91-165-(5).

As a resident living less than 1 ¼ mile away from the proposed site, I was compelled to study the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in detail. As a physician practicing internal medicine in the community, I focused on the health impacts this project will bring to us. I found many worrisome health hazards, and I strongly urge you to reject it entirely. The following are some concerns from review of the EIR:

Firstly, the particulate dust produced will cause health problems. According to the EIR, up to 92% of the dust produced will be PM10 particles. These particles are less than 10 microns in size. We know that the human body cannot clear or remove materials this small. As a result, the dust will produce many diseases, including **dermatitis, conjunctivitis, allergic rhinitis, sinusitis, bronchitis, and asthma.**

Furthermore, not only will the dust create new health problems in previously healthy people, it will make patients with pre-existing cardiac and lung diseases get worse. According to Air Quality Management District publications, it has been well-documented that emergency room visits due to cardiopulmonary diseases increase dramatically when smog alerts go up, and air quality goes down.

this project. Water will be drawn from wells to process aggregate and cement. Then all the water will drain into 7 large desilting basins surrounding the site. These will be large bodies of water, perfect for mosquito breeding.


Although there is no malaria in this part of the country, there is **Western Equine Encephalitis**. This illness is caused by the western equine encephalitis virus, that infects the brain and causes inflammation. The viruses are transmitted by mosquito bites. Patients develop fever, fatigue, and sometimes convulsions 5 to 10 days after the infection begins. Like all viral illnesses, there are no treatments. Mortality is high in infants and the elderly. The EIR did not address the mosquito situation in their "BIOTA" section, particularly the type of mosquito species found in this area.

Lastly, there is the potential for raw sewage contamination of our drinking water. The EIR states that there will be no permanent septic system to collect human waste produced by the employees at the site. In fact, they plan to use portable toilets there for the next 20 years. Because all water will drain from the site back into our river as part of the recycling process, a spillage of portable bathroom contents can contaminate our drinking water supply. Infectious intestinal diseases can occur, including **Hepatitis A, Salmonella, Shigella, and E.Coli**. The EIR has no plans to mitigate this.

In summary, there are many health hazards that this proposal will impose on our community. I urge you to vote no on this project.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions, at 661-222-2178.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Truong, MD

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TO: Esther Feldman,
Chair and Members of L A County
Regional Commission.

Dear Chair Feldman & members of
The Commission

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oppose the Sand and Gravel mining
operation as proposed by Transit
my concrete company.

This project should be denied
because it will affect the air
quality and our quality of life.

The traffic and noise will
be terrible.

Please vote no to surface
mining in our community

Sincerely

Gail Kopp #70
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I, whom it may concern -

I oppose Surface Mining
for the following reason.

Water sources will be
depleted by this operation.

Could cause contamination.

Air Quality will be
sacrificed - because of
the dust —

destroy the quality of life
in the Santa Clara —

Be set aside as a mineral
reserve —

Jane Riddie Maples
11111 Valencia, Co. 91355

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

Please vote NO to surface mining in our community. Your help will be greatly appreciated

Sincerely,
 Joe Page

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Esther Feldman, Chair
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Los Angeles County Regional Commission
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Dear Chair Feldman: Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by transit mix concrete company.
As a mortgage lender and resident in this valley, I am concerned about these proposed operations.

The project should be denied because of the effect it will have on the marketability of our homes and because of the effect it will have on our air quality and to traffic congestion it will create.
Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Raymond R. Brantson 25350 IRVING LANE
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sightings have come to expect in Santa
Clara Valley and water sources will be
depleted by the mining operation. I'm sure
there will be contamination as the mining
operation operates.

Please vote no to surface mining in our
community

Sincerely,
Joy Harris JOY HARRIS
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Santa Clara, CA 91350

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Kim Kimsey

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Robert Feldman
Los Angeles Co. Reg. Comm.
P 320 28. Temple St.
Suite 170
L. A., Ca 90012

Dear Mr. Feldman,

I am very concerned
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(Sierra Hwy.) Area.

My son recently purchased
a home in the immediate
area. It will affect him
physically and financially.

Please give this your
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Sincerely,
Patricia C. Thompson

STAFF

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August 27, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
and MembersLos Angeles County Regional Comm.
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Comm.:

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand and gravel mining operation,
as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because:

- It will negatively impact the real estate market & result in a loss of property values.
- Noise levels will increase due to the full scale mining, blasting & excavation.
- Air Quality will be sacrificed; pollution will occur.
- The Health & safety of area residents will become endangered.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,

Sharon Samuelson

D... T... CA 91251

8/27/95

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STAFF

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Steve Feldman
LA County Regional Commissioner
320 W Temple #170
LA, CA 90012

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moore

I urge you to oppose the Sand AND Gravel mining
operation as proposed by Transit Mix.

This will impact homeowners and citizens. People
can't just up and move. We have a right to
be safe in our homes and protected from pollution and
environmental projects to our neighborhood. I am very afraid
of the pollution and dust and my daughter (4 years old)
has asthma.

Thank you,

Lucretia Luat
25370 Frung Lane
Stevens Ranch, CA 91381

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August 27, 1999

Ester Feldman, Chair
and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St. Ste. 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the commission,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operations as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because it will make Highway 14 more dangerous than it already is. The health and safety of area residents will become endangered. I am especially concerned with how this project will affect our already depleted water supply.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,

Carol Anderson
27833 Skycrest Circle Drive
Valencia, CA 91354

8-27-99

STAFF

COMMISSIONER
Feldman

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Dear Chair Feldman & members of the Commission;

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand + gravel mining operation, as proposed by transit mix concrete company.

This project should be denied because it will destroy the extraordinary quality of life residents have come to expect in SCU.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,

Jiri Bock

Castroville, CA

August 21 1977

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Esther Feldman, Chair + members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Dear Chair Feldman + Members of the Commission:

This letter is being written to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be rejected because it definitely will result in a loss of property values in our area. It will greatly harm the wonderful quality of life the residents here in Santa Clara know and expect. Our families will be harmed by the blasting + excavation noise + air pollution will occur.

Please insure the health + safety of our residents by denying this project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Kempf

27169 Highlands Lane
Valencia, Ca 91354

September 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
And Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because:

- It will negatively impact the real estate market and result in a loss of property values.
- It will result in a decrease in housing prices, after fighting to gain back equity lost in the early 90's recession.
- Jobs will be lost, as business moves elsewhere.
- It will destroy the extraordinary quality of life residents have come to expect in SCV.
- Noise levels will increase due to the full-scale mining, blasting and excavation.
- Water sources will be depleted by the mining operation; fear of contamination.
- Air Quality will be sacrificed; pollution will occur.
- The health and safety of area residents will become endangered.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,



Nathan A. Rollins
24833 Peachland Avenue
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

Ester Feldman, Chair

IO-169

Los Angeles County Regional Planning
320 W. Temple St, Suite 170 Comm.

LH 90012

Dear Mr. Feldman & Mr. [unclear]

I would like to lodge my
opposition to the sand/gravel mining
operation of Transit Mix Concrete Co.

I oppose on the following grounds:

As a realtor, I feel this will affect
property values, air quality. SCV is one
the nicest places in the U.S. to live.
The quality of life will ~~be~~ be jeopardized
to work hard to keep Santa Clarita
new place for families. Please reject
my proposal.

22 SUTTER'S AVE
GWS, CA 91350

Mary Lee
Realty Executive
Newhall, Ca, 91321

August 28, 1999

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to day to urge you not to allow the Sand and Gravel mining in the Santa Clara Valley.

I moved into this community because of the beautiful Air quality and basically the quality of life Santa Clara has to offer.

I have three small children and I do not want to destroy their lungs by living near a mine.

The disruption and traffic and pollution this mine will cause is heartbreaking.

I implore you to please not allow this to take place. Please keep our community pollution free.

Sincerely,

John A. Dufrenoy

Sten Helman, Chair
& members

IO-171

Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, St 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

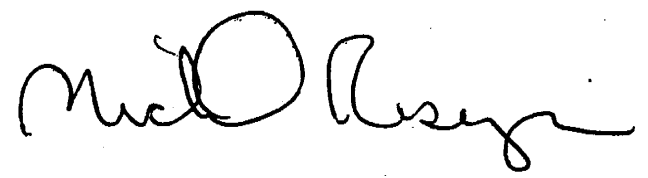
Dear Chair Helman & members of Commission

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the Sand & Gravel mining operation, as
proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company

This Project should be denied
because it is a true environmental
hazard and it will ruin the pristine
habitat we enjoy in the area. Not
to mention that it will effect home values
in a very negative way.

Please Vote **NO** to Surface Mining in our
Community.

Sincerely,

Michael Rescigno 
PO Box 55092
Valencia, CA 91385-5092

9/2/89

Esther Feldman, Chair, and Members
L.A. County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St. Suite 170
L.A., CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman! Members of the Commission,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand
and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit
Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because it will
have a highly negative impact on the
desirability of Santa Clarita as an area of
cleanliness, quiet, and undisturbed natural
areas.

Please vote NO to surface mining in our
Community.

Sincerely,

Bill Tark.

PO Box 220760 SANTA CLARITA 91322

9/2/99

This project for the mining
in our Santa Clara Valley
I feel is & will have a
negative impact on housing
as well as the impact
to our environment & the
additional traffic concerns.
I oppose this project in total.

Marie Lobban
Heath Executives

Rhoda Krans
27453 Sycamore Creek Drive
Valencia, CA 91342

IO-174

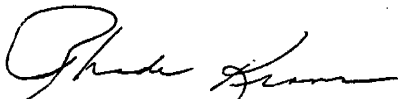
September 3, 1999

Esther Feldman
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Surface Mining Proposal
Located at 12101 Soledad Canyon Rd.**

I oppose the surface mining proposal in the Santa Clarita Valley. Please vote NO when it comes up for vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rhoda Krans', written in dark ink.

Rhoda Krans

7-2-99

Ester Feldman, Chair
and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St. Suite 70
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the
sand and gravel mining operation, as
proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Co.

This project should be denied because
of the negative effects on our water,
air and traffic.

Please vote no to surface mining
in our community.

Sincerely,

Barry Living

10736 Darling Rd.

Agua Dulce, Ca 91350

17928 Vista Court
Canyon Country, CA 9135.

IO-176

September 2, 1999

Ethel Feldman, Chair of members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320. W. Temple St, Suite 170
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012.

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the Commission.

I am writing to urge you to oppose the Sand and
Gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit
mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because of various
reasons, some of them being that it will negatively
impact the real estate market. In addition, it will
decrease the value in homes, our freeways & streets will
be impacted by heavy equipment noise level along
with the blasting will decrease the quality of life. More
importantly, the health and safety of area residents
will become endangered -

Sincerely
Greg Glass

7/2/99

Esther Feldman, Chair & Members
 L.A. County Regional Commission
 320 W. Temple St., Ste. 170
 Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the
 Commission,

I am writing in an effort to oppose
 the sand & gravel mining operation as
 proposed by the Transit Mix Mining
 Company. I oppose this for a number
 of reasons not the least being the
 negative impact on Real estate sales
 and loss of market value - air quality
 will be compromised & noise levels
 will be increased -

Please vote no on this mining issue -

Sincerely,

Jeanne Meadows
 Linda C. R. R.

Jeanne Meadows

Oct. 2, 1999

IO-178

Other Feldman, Chavi
and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Simple St., #170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chavi Feldman & Members of The Commission

Please oppose the sand & gravel mining operation
proposed by Granite Mix. I'm asking you to
oppose this operation because of several reasons
including loss in real estate value, loss of
jobs, depletion of water resources and not least
the inconvenience caused to the residents due to
the mining operation. We in Santa Clarita
have made our homes and lives in this area &
have come to expect the quality of life here.

Again, please vote no to the surface mining
issue

Sincerely,
Barbara Feldman, 19634 Goldstream Way, Newhall, CA 91321

9-2-99

Esther Feldman, Chair
 + Members
 Los Angeles County Regional Commission
 320 W. Temple St. Suite 170
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman,

I am writing you today to strongly advise you to oppose the mining project that is proposed for the Sand Canyon area + Meidad Cyn. in Santa Clarita.

I am very concerned with how it will effect the quality of life in our area. Not to mention the air quality, the noise & pollution to our lovely Valley. It is a beautiful place to live please help us preserve it.

Sincerely,
 Mary Bon-tempi

27459 Whitefield Pl
 Malibu, CA 91384

Sept 2, 1999

IO-180

Estee Feldman, Chair & members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the commission:

We are writing this letter to urge you & your commission to oppose the sand & gravel mining operation that is being expanded in the Sand Canyon area.

Some of the problems we see are:

- 1) Air quality for our children & families
 - 2) The amount of trucks (over 1,000+ of trips monthly)
 - 3) The use of our water reserves
 - 4) It will effect our traffic infrastructure and the extra slow traffic of trucks will cause more accidents & extensive wear on our roadway.
 - 5) The noise will effect surrounding property values.
 - 6) The traffic will effect surrounding property values.
 - 7) Damage from debris falling from so many trucks will cause damage to others' or automobiles.
 - 8) Declining values of surrounding properties will cause less revenue for the county in taxes.
- Thank you, Dwight & Debbie Levine
27603 Bridlewood Dr.
Costa Mesa, Ca 92626

SEPT. 2/99

ESTER FELDMAN, CHAIR

LOS ANGELES CO. REGIONAL COMMISSION

320 W. TEMPLE ST.

LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012

DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

THIS LETTER IS TO REQUEST YOU TO VIGOROUSLY
OPPOSE THE SAND AND GRAVEL MINING OPERATION
PRESENTLY PROPOSED BY TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE CO.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE OF THE
FOLLOWING REASONS:

- * IT WILL ADD TO THE ALREADY CONGESTED
SOLARAD CANYON ROAD IN CANYON COUNTRY.
- * IT WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ENVIRON-
MENTAL SITUATION IN THE AREA AND THE
SURROUNDINGS.

PLS. VOTE NO.

SINCERELY,

Rafael Melina
23013 YUETTE C.
Van C. 41355

September 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
AND Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the
Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the Sand and Gravel mining
operation, as proposed by Transit
Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because
the health and safety of area residents
will become endangered. And the
air quality will be sacrificed; pollution
will occur. So many of the SCV
residents moved here to have better
air quality not to have it destroyed
by a concrete company.

Please vote NO to Surface mining
in our community.

Sincerely,

Collette Wilmer

37104 CAMINO C.V.D. Arden CA 92512

Sept 2, 1999

Dear Freeman, Chair & Members.

Los Angeles County Regional Commission
 10 W. Temple St. Suite 170
 Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Chair Freeman & Members of the Committee.

I am writing, in regards to urge you
 to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation
 proposed by Hanat gravel mining Co.

This project should be denied because it will
 hurt our environment of the Santa Clara, and will
 cause much more traffic & repairs of the local roads.

Please Vote NO to surface mining
 in our Community

Sincerely,
 Maria M. Cuscheiri

19223 Dryciff St.
 Santa Clara CA 95057

TO: ESTHER FELDMAN, CHAIR & MEMBERS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION
330 W. TEMPLE STREET SUITE 170
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

I'M WRITING TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO OPPOSE
THE SAND & GRAVEL MINING OPERATION, AS PROPOSED
BY TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE COMPANY.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE
POTENTIAL LOSS OF JOBS, AS BUSINESSES MAY
MOVE. HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES OF AREA RESIDENTS
MAY BE COMPROMISED.

PLEASE VOTE NO TO SURFACE MINING IN OUR
COMMUNITY.

SINCERELY
Richard Bassler
25370 CARRI DRIVE
VALENCIA, CA
91355

9/2/99

TO Esther Feldman, Chair
& Members

Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W Temple St
Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the commission

I Am writing to urge you to oppose the SAND
AND Gravel mining operation, as proposed by
transit mix concrete company

This project should be denied because

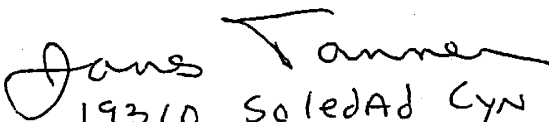
It would negatively impact the real estate market
AND result in a loss of property values

Also

water sources will be depleted by the mining
operation: fear of contamination

Please vote NO to surface mining in our community

Sincerely


19310 Soledad Cyn Rd
SANTA CLARITA CA 91351

To: Ester Feldman

RE: Surface Mining

I am oppose to the sand & Gravel
mining operation Because of:

- ① noise problems
- ② Traffic
- ③ Loss in Real Estate Values

Sincerely,

Lodie Mondo

27324 Dewdrop Ave

Canyon City CA 91351

Sept 2, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission

I am writing to urge you to oppose the
sand and gravel mining operation, as
proposed by Transit Mfg Concrete Company.

The project should be denied Because

- ① Added truck traffic in the already
residential area of So. Ca
 - ② Poor Planning - go out in the middle
of nowhere to do this.
- Please vote no to surface mining
in our community

Sincerely
Donna Webster

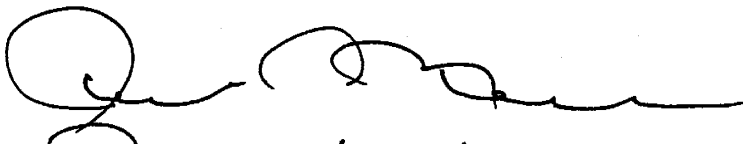
23828 Botundo Rd.
Valencia, Ca 91355

SEPTEMBER 2, 1999

ESTHER FELDMAN, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION
320 W. TEMPLE STREET, SUITE 170
LOS ANGELES CA 90012

DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

DUE TO THE NEGATIVE IMPACT TO THE
ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
CAUSED BY SUCH A PROJECT, I AM URGING
YOU TO OPPOSE THE SAND AND GRAVEL OPERATION,
AS PROPOSED BY TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE COMPANY.



RICHARD A. MICKEL
23603 VIA ANDORRA
VALENCIA CA 91355

September 2, 1999

IO-189

Esther Feldman + Members
L.A. County Regional Comm.
320 W. Temple St #170
L.A., CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman + Members.

I am writing to urge you to oppose the
sand + gravel mining.

This project should be denied because, for
one, I worked in the quarry + ready-mix
industry for 8 years and it a mess.

I vote NO to surface mining in my
Community.

Roger A. Helt
25770 Hogan
Valencia, CA 91355

Sept 2, 1999

IO-190

I am very concerned about
the mining in our S.C.U. All
have too many young families
that are out on our streets taking
families to school & could cause harm &
hassle to them. The noise alone
is alone will affect the value
of real estate in our area.
Please do not allow this

Thank you
Dianne Foster

Realtor / Notary
Realty Executives

9/2/99

Estu Feldman, CAPAin
 LA County Regional Commission
 John Terry, #170
 LA 90012

I and everyone I know are totally against
 the proposed East & Central ring quarter
 VOTE NO!

David E. Loyd
 David E. Loyd
 24420-A Hampton
 Valencia, CA 91358

Sept 2, 1999

IO-192

Esther Feldman,

L. A. County Regional Com.

320 W. Temple St. Suite 170

L. A., Ca. 90012

To all concerned with this approval:

Please oppose the sand & gravel mining operation proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Co.

I represent owners of a number of rental properties who are very concerned that their rentals will be negatively affected by air pollution, noise, traffic which will decrease the desirability and equity of their real estate

Please vote NO!

Thuybell Knight
23431 Maple
Newhall, Ca
91321

September 2, 1999

To: Esther Feldman

Los Angeles County Reg. Commission
320 W. Temple St., Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman,

I am opposed to the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This mining would negatively affect people wanting to live in Canyon Country.

The 14 Freeway is already terribly congested and does not need added truck traffic.

The air pollution will increase from dust and freeway traffic.

The health of people living nearby will be affected adversely.

Sincerely,

Barney Dissinger, Realtor
27040 Santa Clarita Rd.
91350

September 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
And Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

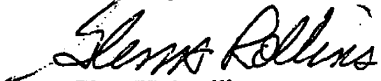
I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because:

- It will negatively impact the real estate market and result in a loss of property values.
- It will result in a decrease in housing prices, after fighting to gain back equity lost in the early 90's recession.
- Jobs will be lost, as business moves elsewhere.
- It will destroy the extraordinary quality of life residents have come to expect in SCV.
- Noise levels will increase due to the full-scale mining, blasting and excavation.
- Water sources will be depleted by the mining operation; fear of contamination.
- Air Quality will be sacrificed; pollution will occur.
- The health and safety of area residents will become endangered.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,



Glen H. Rollins
25410 Fortuna Drive
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

ESTHER FELDMAN, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS

IO-195

COS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION
320 W. TEMPLE ST, SUITE 170
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN + MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION,

I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE
SAND AND GRAVEL MINING OPERATION, AS PROPOSED
BY TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE COMPANY.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE;
THE TRAFFIC HAZARD IT WILL CREATE ON AN
ALREADY OVERBURDENED FREEWAY AND ROADS.

THE PROJECT WILL NOT FIT WITH THE RESIDENTIAL
USPS OF THE AREA.

PEOPLE WILL ABANDON THE SURROUNDING AREA AND
PROPERTY VALUES WILL GO DOWN

NOISE + AIR POLLUTION

WATER TABLE WILL BE AFFECTED

YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE REVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND YOU WILL LOSE REVENUE FROM
DECLINING VALUES

PLEASE VOTE NO TO SURFACE MINING IN OUR
COMMUNITY

SINCERELY

WILLIAM BOYD
6620 HUBBARD RD.
ACTON, CA 93510

7/2/99

IO-196

Escher Feldman, Chair
and Members

Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of The Commission

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand and gravel mining operation
as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete
Company

This project should be denied because

1. This would affect the job market &
deter companies from re-locating to our city
2. People will not want to purchase
homes in our area

3. It will destroy the quality of life
residents have come to expect in SCV

4. Air quality will be sacrificed; pollution
will occur

5. Health & safety of area residents will
become endangered

Sincerely,
26139. Haines Court, Valencia, CA 91354

September 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
And Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because:

- It will negatively impact the real estate market and result in a loss of property values.
- It will result in a decrease in housing prices, after fighting to gain back equity lost in the early 90's recession.
- Jobs will be lost, as business moves elsewhere.
- It will destroy the extraordinary quality of life residents have come to expect in SCV.
- Noise levels will increase due to the full-scale mining, blasting and excavation.
- Water sources will be depleted by the mining operation; fear of contamination.
- Air Quality will be sacrificed; pollution will occur.
- The health and safety of area residents will become endangered.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,



George Garayan
27044 Seco Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

August 31, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair & Members

Los Angeles, County Regional Commission

320, W. Temple Street, Suite 170

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair, Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and Gravel Mining operation, as proposed by Jay Transit Mfg concrete company.

This project should be denied because:

The area is now open space & should remain the same -

Please vote No to Surface Mining in our community -

Sincerely

Jay Tenn

Jay Tenn

4801 Adele Ct

Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Esther Feldman, Chair,
and members
LA County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
LA Ca 90012

Dear Esther Feldman, members of the
Commission:

I'm writing to urge you to oppose
the Sand & Gravel mining operation,
as proposed by Transit mix
Concrete Co.

Please vote No to surface mining
in our community.

Winnie De

9043 Tyndale Bl, N.R. Ca 91304

9-1-99

Esther Feldman, Chair

Members

Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St #170
LA, CA. 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand & gravel mining operation, as
proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.This project should be denied because
of the effect it will have on traffic
& the loss of property values.Please vote NO to Surface Mining
in our community.

Sincerely..

Joyce Reskas
1815 Agarduct
North Hills, CA
91343

9/1/99

Dear Mr. Feldman & members of the
Los Angeles County Regional Commission:

I am writing to oppose the Sand &
Gravel operation that is being sponsored by
the Transit Mix Concrete Company.

The project should be denied because
it will negatively impact the real
estate market & result in diminished
property values. Also, water sources
will be depleted by the mining
operation & there is always the problem
of contamination.

Thank you for considering my
request. Sincerely,

Gary Washburn
Box 499

Chatsworth Ca 91313 499

9/1/99

IO-202

Dear Esther Feldman, Chair

This letter is to inform you
about my concerns regarding the
potential mining project in Santa Clara.

I am in fear of the risks involved
dealing with the health of my family.
I am also very concerned about the future
value of our real estate in the valley.
We are proud of our city and community
and would like you to consider all the
possible effects to our community as a whole.

Sincerely,

William C. Friedman, CPA

9/1/99

IO-203

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit mix concrete company.

This project should be denied because:

① This will endanger the health & safety of area residents.

② This will cause air pollution.

③ Water sources will be affected -
both depleted and ground contamination

④ Housing prices will go down.

⑤ Jobs will be lost as businesses
move elsewhere.

Please vote no to surface mining in our
Committee

Sincerely,

A. Vintura
13103 Ventura Blvd
Studio City -
CA 91604

EAR HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS:

MAINTAINING A AFFORDABLE STREAM OF CONSTRUCTION
AGGREGATE IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN KEEPING HOUSING
AFFORDABLE. HOWEVER I FEEL WE NEED TO KEEP A REASONABLE
BALANCE. BETWEEN A QUALITY ENVIRONMENT AND BUSINESS.
THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING
COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM GRAVELY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT WOULD BE PREVALENT WITH
THE PROPOSED SURFACE MINING OPERATION. I WOULD URGE
YOU TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE IMPACTS ON, AIR QUALITY,
WATER QUALITY, HEALTH & SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION IN YOUR
DELIBERATIONS OF SURFACE MINING. IN SANTA CLARITA.
PLEASE OPPOSE APPROVAL OF SURFACE MINING AND OTHER
ENVIRONMENTALLY DISRUPTIVE OPERATIONS IN POPULATED AND URBAN
AREAS.

Thank you for your consideration



< MEL WILSON >
LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT

Sept. 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
and members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St. Suite 170

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the
sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed
by Transit and Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because
of health hazard to our community.

Please vote no to surface-mining in our
communities.

Sincerely
Franklin Anderson
15750 Calle San Luis Potosi
Green Valley, CA 91350

September 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing you to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by transit mix concrete company. I don't want this project to go through because 1) it will negatively impact the real estate market in my neighborhood 2) it will sacrifice the air quality and increase pollution, and 3) I personally don't want to experience the increased noise levels. In effect, it will destroy the quality of life in my neighborhood.

PLEASE VOTE 'NO' TO SURFACE MINING
IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Sincerely,

CE Watkins

Cheryl Watkins
28643 Chimney Rock Rd
Valencia, CA 91355-

9-1-99

IO-207

Esther Feldman, Chair

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Sand + Gravel Mining Project

Please vote NO! We do not want our
quality of life diminished. We won't allow
it! We will take all measures to stop it!
A thousand letters if necessary.

This project threatens

- * Air Pollution
- * Water Contamination
- * Noise caused by blasting
- * Increased traffic
- * Endangerment of health + public safety
- * LOSS OF BUSINESS + PROPERTY VALUES

We encourage a NO VOTE.

Regards,

Valerie Williams
27608 Danton Ct.
Valencia, CA 91354

Sept 1, 1980 **IO-208**

Esther Feldman, chair & members
LA Co. Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St. Suite 170
LA, CA 90012

Dear: Chair Feldman & members of the Commission.

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand and gravel mining operation as
proposed by Transit mix Concrete Co.

This project should be denied
because of the following reasons:

- Air pollution,
- water contamination
- Noise
- Increased congestion
- Health & safety reasons
- loss of real estate property

Please vote NO to surface mining
in our community.

Sincerely,

Dina Daly
28152 Angelica Place
Valencia, CA 91354

DEAR MS FELDMAN,

THIS IS JUST A NOTE TO URGE YOU TO
OPPOSE THE SAND & GRAVEL MINING OPERATION,
AS PROPOSED BY TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE CO.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE
THE AIR QUALITY WILL BE SACRIFICED &
ADDITIONAL POLLUTION WILL OCCUR.

IT WILL ALSO HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
THE REAL ESTATE MARKET AND RESULT IN A
LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUE.

PLEASE VOTE "NO" TO SURFACE MINING
IN OUR COMMUNITY.

SINCERELY,

MICHAEL

DUGAN

Wed

Sept 1, 1999

IO-210

Esther Feldman, Chair
LA County Regional Comm
320 W. Temple St.; Suite 170
L.A., Ca. 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the Commission

I am writing to urge you to
oppose the sand & gravel mining operation,
as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Co.

This project should be denied for
the following reasons:

1- jobs will be lost, as business moves
elsewhere

2- air quality will be sacrificed; pollution
will occur

3- Health & safety of area residents will
become endangered

Please vote no to surface mining in
our community.

Sincerely
John N. Davis
18753 Labrador St.
Northridge, Ca. 91324

Vic Realty
17023 Tiara St.
North Hollywood, CA 91607
(818) 985-9174

IO-211

Sept. 1, 1999


Esther Feldman, Chair
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St., Ste 170
Los Angeles, Calif. 90012

Dear Chairwoman Feldman and Members of the Commission:

Re: Surface Mining in Santa Clarita

The proposed surface mining for sand and gravel in Santa Clarita would be devastating to the environment and local traffic. It would not be worth the anticipated profits. Please reject the proposal.

Sincerely,


Victor N. Viereck

Sept. 1, 1999

IO-212

Stefer Feldman, Chair
Members
-- A. County Reg. Comm.
320 W. Temple St. #170
L.A., CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

- am writing to urge you to **OPPOSE** the sand
gravel Mining operation, as proposed by Transit
mix Concrete Co.

This project should be denied because of the
upper respiratory problems this can aggravate
which my family & I suffer from. This will
also adversely affect my property values as
live in close proximity to this proposed
operation.

Please vote NO to surface mining in our
community.

Sincerely,
Nym Cappi
28224 Bee Monte Ct.
Santa Clarita, CA 91351

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand & gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company. I have medical conditions that could become worse by this operation, it will also reduce my property value.

Please vote NO

Thank You

Carlos Villalobos - owner of SEU INSURANCE

Carlos Villalobos

September 2, 1999

The Regional Planning Commissioners
Department of Regional Planning
320 West temple street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Ladies and Gentlemen :

re: Transit Mix Project # 91165

I would like to go on record as being in adamant opposition to this project as I feel any realistic thinking individual would be.

When this area was designated a mining area it was very sparsely populated and probably the 14 freeway was not even built.

This area has changed tremendously since that time and it should now be designated suburban and housing.

Mining does not fit in this area any longer.

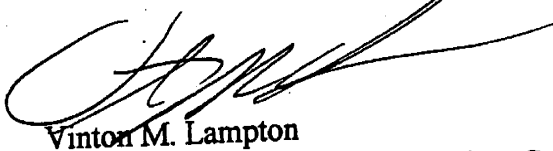
This project would, if approved, create tremendous amounts of dust, which itself is deadly to a great number of people, but will also use 100's of millions of gallons of water, thereby depleting the aquifer serving Acton, Agua Dulce, Canyon Country, Santa Clarita and on downstream to and including Ventura County.

Also I want you to consider the traffic deaths and injuries this project will cause with slow moving trucks entering the freeways at the rate of one every two minutes for twenty four hours a day.

The monies the Local, County, State and Federal governments will receive from this project is an absolute joke, it isn't even enough to pay a monthly phone bill.

This project is not only a death knell for the value of the properties near the sight but also for travelers on the 14 Freeway.

Thank You For your Consideration,



Vinton M. Lampton



Tana Lampton

31851 Windrush Road, Agua Dulce, CA 91350 Ph: 881-268-1136 Fx: 661-268-9964

cc: The Board Of Supervisors
The Honorable H. McKeon
Sen. P. Knight
Rep. George Runner

September 2, 1999

Dear Chair Feldman & Members
of the commission:

I am writing to urge you oppose
the sand and gravel mining operation,
as proposed by transit mix concrete company.

This project should be denied because:

- * of traffic problems
- * environmental effects / pollution
- * housing prices will go down

Please vote NO to surface mining
in our community.

Sincerely,

Monika Sirolli
Realty Executives
24100 Lyons Ave. #1101
Newhall, CA 91321

Sept. 1, 1999

Barbara Feldman, Chair

Angeleno County Regional Planning Commission
10 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission

I am writing to ask you to oppose the proposal to establish a sand & gravel mining operation located at 12101 Solidad Canyon Road.

I strongly oppose this mining operation in my community, because ~~it~~ it will lead to air pollution and loss of real estate values.

Sincerely

Linda Kahl
27822 Dexter Drive
Saugus, CA 91350

ear Chair Feldman & Members of **IO-217**
Commission -

I Am writing with great concern to
ask you to oppose the "sand & gravel
mining Operation" → The proposal by
Transit Mix Concrete Company.

I Am strongly opposed for the following
reasons:

- 1) The health & safety of residents
will be destroyed.
- 2) Pollution is inevitable.
- 3) The quality of life which we enjoy
& hold in high respect in the Santa
Clarita Valley will be lost.

Please → VOTE NO to Surface Mining
in our Area. Thank You.

Sincerely, Lauretta Marti
4700 Terosa Bl. #508
Northridge, CA 91324

Anita Martin
22429 Macfarlane Dr.
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Sept. 1, 1999

Ms. Esther Feldman, Chair & Members
Los Angeles County Regional Comm.
320 W. Temple St Ste 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Gentlemen -
Please oppose the Sand & Gravel Mining
operation as proposed by The Transit Mix
Concrete Co.

This project will affect the entire Valley - its
environment, traffic & water sources. There
must be other areas that are less populated
than our area.

Please don't allow this to happen so close
to us.

Thank you
Anita Martin

Aug. 31, 99

Ester Feldman, Chair L.A. Co. Regional Commission

Dear Chairwoman

I am opposed to the surface mining of sand and gravel in such close proximity to residential areas.

This project should be denied because of pollution, quality of life, health & safety issues

DAVE PARIKH

17301 CAGNEY ST,
GRANADA HILLS
CA 91344

(818) 368-4965

9/1/99

Esther Feldman, Chair
and members
LA County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St. Suite 170
LA, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the
Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand and gravel mining
operation as proposed by Transit
mix Concrete Company. I am
a parent and am concerned about
the health and quality of life
of my children. I am also
a Realtor and am concerned
about the effect on home values
and my income.

Manuza
Realtor

September 1, 1991

IO-221

Esther Feldman, Chair
And Members

Los Angeles County Regional Commission

320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the
Sand and Gravel mining operation, as proposed
by transit mix concrete company.

This project should be denied because noise levels
will increase due to the full scale mining & blasting,
it will negatively impact the real estate market and
result in loss of property values, and air quality
will be sacrificed, pollution will occur.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,

Diana Gallo

25682 Bellerive Dr, Valencia

September 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Feldman & members of the commission:

As a property and business owner in Santa Clarita, I have viewed with growing alarm the recent announcements of increased sand & gravel mining in the Santa Clarita area. Given the tremendous population growth in recent years in Santa Clarita, I find it very disturbing that those of us who have chosen to relocate to this quiet and safe area will have that forever changed. I am concerned for the following reasons.

1. Safety issues - many of us ride bicycles on Soledad Canyon & will be at greatly increased risk
2. Noise -- will greatly increase noise pollution
3. Air Quality -- will immediately impact air quality, especially for those of us who love outdoor activities.

Please vote no on the expansion of sand & gravel mining in Santa Clarita

Sincerely

Tom Laffoy
19616 Crystal Ridge Court

2533 SALCEDA ROAD
VALENCIA, CA 91355

IO-223

7/1/99

Ms. ESTHER FELDMAN, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS

ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION
20 W. TEMPLE STREET, SUITE 170
S ANGELES, CA 90012

DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION,

I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE SAND AND
GRAVEL MINING OPERATION AS PROPOSED BY TRANSIT MIX
CONCRETE COMPANY.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DENIED DUE TO THE ADVERSE
EFFECTS TO THE COMMUNITY FROM NOISE, DUST AND
TRUCK TRAFFIC.

PLEASE VOTE NO TO SURFACE MINING IN OUR
COMMUNITY.

SINCERELY,

Steph B. Robertson
25333 SALCEDA RD.
VALENCIA, CA 91355

Sept 1, 1999

Ester Feldman, Chair

and Members

Los Angeles County Regional Commission

320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman / Members of the Commission,

I am writing to urge you to oppose the

Sand & Gravel Mining Operation, as proposed

by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

The project should be denied because of health &

Safety of area residents will become endangered

Please vote no to Surface Mining in our community.

Sincerely,

James Van Gundy

19555 Chadway Street
County CA 91351

Sept. 1, 1999

Ester Feldman, Chair and Members
320 W. Temple St. Suite 110
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman + Members of
the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to approve
the sand and gravel mining
operation, as proposed by Transit mix
concrete company.
This project should be denied because
the negative impact on the quality
of life from increased noise, air
pollution, and traffic will also
result in a serious loss of
property values. Please vote NO.

Sincerely, Memo
David Bromley St.
1809 Bromley St.
Targone 91356

9/1/99 **IO-226**

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand & gravel mining operation,
as proposed by Transit mix concrete company,

This project should be denied because
this will create great hazards in
traffic and air pollution and the
dangers to all the home owners.
Save our children!! Save our cities!
This will destroy our economy & business.

Sincerely
Helen Schriber
5801 Ranchito Ave
Van Nuys. Ca 91401

P.S.

Please save our cities and taxpayers
Please save our environment!

8/31/99

IO-227

ESTHER FELDMAN, CHAIR

& MEMBERS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION

320 W. TEMPLE ST. SUITE 170

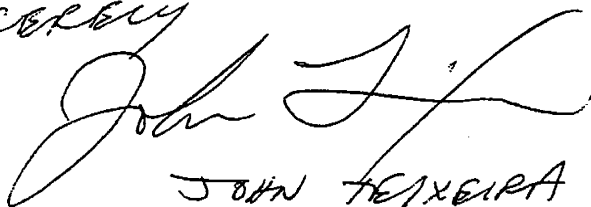
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand & gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit mix concrete company.

This project should be denied because of the air pollution, noise, public health, & loss of property values of homes in the community which are already being affected.

SINCERELY



JOHN TEIXEIRA
MAINTENANCE PLUS

Sept 1, 1995

Etke, Feldman, Chair

and Members.

Los Angeles County Regional Comm.

320 W. Temple St., Suite 170

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Chair Feldman & Members of the Comm.

I am writing to urge you to approve the sand & gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit West Concrete Company.

As a Real Estate Broker, who sells property in this area, the quality of life and air will surely destroy the desirability of living in the area. As a grandmother & mother, whose children & grandchildren we raise there, I would certainly try to move them out of there. I can not believe that this type of mining would ever pass an EIR. This is a travesty.

Please Vote No.

Miss McLean

22107 Visano

Woodland Hills

Aug. 31, 1999

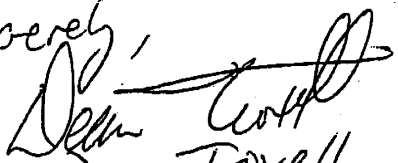
IO-229

Esther Feldman, Chair
and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the Commission:

This letter is being written to you and members of the Commission asking you to vote against the sand and gravel mining operation expansion as proposed by the Transit Mix Concrete Company. This mining is located close to the city of Santa Clarita where people live work and go to school. This mining will increase pollution to the area and decrease the air quality. Noise levels of this project will increase. Health of adults and children will have higher odds of being negatively affected as a result of more contaminants being put into the air as a result of this mining. Please vote no on this surface mining in my community.

Sincerely,


Dan Troxell
25510 Newcastle
Santa Clarita, CA

Dear Esther Seldman

Please oppose the sand and gravel
mining so close to the populated area.
We realize the need, but would prefer to
have Keku mine in a less populated area.

Sincerely

Pauline Talbot
7630 Mason Way
Beverly Hills CA 90211

DEAR ESTHER FELDMAN CHAIR,

THIS LETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF MY CONCERNS IN REGARDS TO THE POTENTIAL MINING PROJECT IN SANTA CLARITA.

I AM WORRIED THAT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WILL BE IN JEOPARDY, CONSIDERING AIR QUALITY, REAL ESTATE VALUE, TRAFFIC, AND MANY OTHER INSTANCES. (TOO MANY TO MENTION)

PLEASE RECONSIDER THE EFFECT THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON OUR COMMUNITY.

Sincerely James D. Schaffert
JDS

Oct. 1, 1944
IO-232

ESTHER FELDMAN, CHAIR,
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MEMBERS OF L. A. COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION -

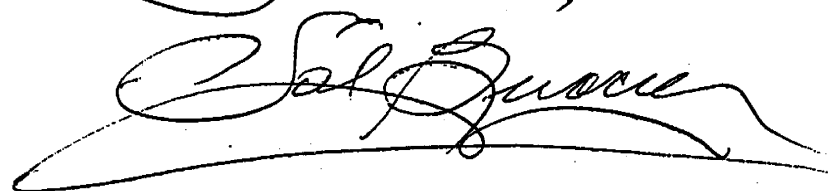
DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN,
MEMBER L. A. COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION -

I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO OPPOSE
THE SAND AND GRAVEL MINING OPERATION,
AS PROPOSED BY TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE CO.

THIS PROPOSED SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE:

- 1) WILL HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR REAL
ESTATE MARKET AND RESULT IN A LOSS
OF PROPERTY VALUES -
- 2) JOBS WILL BE LOST, AS BUSINESS
MOVES ELSEWHERE.

PLEASE VOTE NO TO SURFACE
MINING IN OUR COMMUNITY -

SINCERELY,


Les Hersh Feldman, Chairman
 & Members
 Los Angeles Co. Regional Comm.
 320 W. Temple St. 170
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairman Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to oppose the mining of aggregate in the Santa
 Clarita Valley.

This material is a low quality aggregate

Sincerely

Frank LeFevre
 14800 Alexander St
 Mission Hills, CA
 91341

Sept 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Ste 170
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & members of the
Commission:

I am writing to urge you to
oppose the Sand and Gravel
mining operation, as proposed by
Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This should be denied because:

- 1) Air quality would decline.
 - 2) Noise pollution would increase.
 - health problems would occur.
- (over) →

Sept 2, 1994

IO-235

Esther Feldman, Chair
and members.
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of Commission.
Environmental Hazard!!!!
I am writing to urge you to please oppose
the sand & gravel mining operation, as
proposed by transit mix concrete company.
Please Vote No to surface mining in
our community! Think of our children!

Sincerely
Kimberly Hall, Realty Executives.
24604 Sage Crest Circle
Newhall, CA 91381

*W. Johnson
J. Johnson
more*

DATE: AUGUST 26, 1999

FROM: LINDA KIRK
10542 BEDWORTH ST.
AGUA DULCE, CA. 91350
661-268-6808 DAY TIME

TO:

PRESIDENT CLINTON
SENATOR BUCK MCKEON
SENATOR PETE KNIGHT
SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH
DEPT. OF REGIONAL PLANNING LOS ELES COUNTY
✓ REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

WELL, HERE IT IS NEARLY SEPTEMBER AND I STILL HAVEN'T WRITTEN TO YOU ALL ABOUT THE TRANSIT MIX MINING PROJECT PLANNED FOR OUR AREA.

(SURFACE MINING PROJECT 91165, CASE # SM91165)

I THINK IT IS JUST SO DEVASTATING TO ME THAT ANYONE COULD EVEN THINK OF, AND/OR PLAN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER IN ADVANCE.

YOU KNOW ALL THE AIR QUALITY, WATER QUALITY, TRAFFIC DISASTER, VISUAL BLIGHT, AND NOT TO EVEN MENTION THE HAZARDOUS HEALTH EFFECTS OF THIS PRE-PLANNED DISASTER.

WHAT DISTURBES ME THE MOST IS ALL THE BACKGROUND WORK THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS FOR OVER 10 YEARS, AND NO ONE KNEW ABOUT IT TILL FEB. 99.

YES IN 1985 OR 85 WE RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THAT AREA WAS GOING TO BE DESIGNATED AS A VALUABLE MINERAL RESOURCE AREA. WHICH I TOOK TO MEAN THAT IT WOULD BE HELD IN RESERVE AND SAVED. ACTUALLY I THINK THAT IS THE BEST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN TO THIS SITE AND THE 1200 ACRES ADJACENT TO IT. IT WOULD BE AN ASSET TO EVERYONE TO HOLD THIS AREA OF AGGREGATE AND JUST ALLOW IT TO BE USED FOR EMERGENCY DISASTERS.

AT LEAST OUR CHILDREN COULD BREATHE LESS POLLUTED AIR MOST OF THE TIME. SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT OUR CHILDREN WHO STAND THE MOST TO LOSE AND THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE A VOICE WITH YOU ALL.

WOW! THERE IS JUST SO MANY BAD THINGS ABOUT THIS I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START, BUT PROBABLY THE WORST EXAMPLE ABOUT THIS IS THE WHOLE WAY IT HAS BEEN HANDLED SO FAR. FROM THE DESIGNATION PROCESS TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEARING STATUS. NOT ONE REQUIREMENT FOR A PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE HAS BEEN DONE PROPERLY. JUST ONE LITTLE EXAMPLE WAS THE B.L.M. HEARING HELD IN JUNE AT SULPHUR SPRINGS SCHOOL. WE FOUND OUT ABOUT IT BY ACCIDENT, AND I ASKED THE B.L.M. REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING, "WHERE WAS NOTICE OF THIS HEARING PUBLISHED?" THEIR COMMENT

WAS "IT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER" I TOLD THEM, GEE, ALL THE GENERAL PUBLIC READS THE FEDERAL REGISTER DAILY. THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW INADQUATE, AND UNDERHANDED THIS PROPOSED MINING DISASTER HAS GONE SO FAR.

MY RECOMMENDATION IS TO EITHER SAVE THE AREA FOR EMERGENCIES OR SEND THE B.L.M. AND TRANSIT MIX BACK TO DRAWING BOARD AND DO IT RIGHT, JUST LIKE ALL THE REST OF US WOULD HAVE TO DO.

I APOLOGIZE FOR RAMBLING BUT I AM SO VERY DEVASTATED BY EVEN THE THOUGHT OF THIS PLANNED "MAN-MADE" DISASTER I AM FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE "STRUCK SPEECHLESS."

PLEASE! PLEASE! TURN DOWN THIS PROJECT OR ANY OTHER ONE THAT THREATENS YOURS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH SO MANY NON-MITIGATABLE DRAINS ON OUR PLANET AND PURPOSEFUL DESTRUCTION OF THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH.

KINDEST REGARDS,

Linda Kirk
LINDA KIRK

Thank You for the Public Meeting in the S. C. Valley. We do need the continuance of this hearing held locally too!

Please don't be part of L.A. Counties 1st ever "Pre-planned, Man Made Environmental Disaster."

Alan Laslovich
3051 Clayvale Rd
Acton CA 93510

IO-237

Antonovich,

June 5, 1999

CP. #91-165-5 Transit Mix Concrete

As a tax payer and property owner in Acton, California, I am writing this letter to express my most alarming concerns over the BLM and Transit Mixed Concrete Company. I feel they are trying to pull the wool over our eyes. I am familiar with the D.E.I.R. and its old testing dates. We need current testing that is done in 1999 on the Air Quality not done 11 miles away where the wind currents do not exist in the same manner. Why test down wind of the effect when the majority of the wind blows to the east?

TMC must to put up a bond measure to confirm the safety of our health in respect to their claims that the public not be affected. We need the bond to protect us from asthma, bronchitis, respiratory disease, influenza, valley fever, cancer, etc.

We need to know where the hundreds of thousands of gallons of water per day are going to come from. Are we going to be allowed to pull this unbelievable amount of water from the Santa Clara river which was mentioned by the Mayor at the Acton Town Council meeting on May 24, 1999? It will eventually drain the water right out of Acton and Aqua Dulce. TMC claims it will have no effect; will this be backed by a bond measure to protect us from them drying our wells? They are also understating the amount of water that will be used and I think it should be properly monitored. Again, where will the water come from?

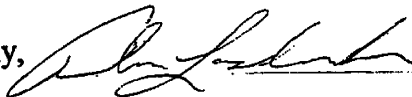
The visual impact was down-played to such an extent as to think that we really would not know the real problems that could occur. I think it should be looked into a little closer. I feel the Dept. of Parks and Recreation should concentrate on stopping the project if they are that concerned with the Santa Clara Trail. Department of Transportation (Trans) should be extremely concerned about the width of Soladad Canyon Rd. and the tunnel with the 700 and actually 1164 truck trips per day. For all of our safety, TMC should have to widen the tunnel to protect us against the 80,000 pound trucks. They should also take into consideration all the repair work caused by these vehicles on freeways.

DHS should look a little closer at where all the fines will go in a wet year. Will they go down Bee Canyon? Have our Rail Road people been notified on their impacts?

Mr. Antonovich, you yourself come into the Acton, Aqua Dulce area to visit and trail ride. You have been here how long? Show your concerns before and I think it is time to come up again to save the place you enjoy as much as we do, before there is nothing left to enjoy. I hope you are also against this project and understand the magnitude of it. Most 10 years have gone by since they designated and pulled permits for this project. Many years have passed and many changes have been made to our cities and our area. The county never let the surrounding areas know about this project, at least not that I am aware of. I have seen many residential projects completed in the last ten years or so that will be affected in ways that I have already mentioned and to include a major drop in property value. For example look at any mining project in Irwindale, Azusa, Sun Valley and see the impact these communities have suffered.

There are many people that want to know that you are against this project. When you come to Acton and Aqua Dulce let us be proud of our friend and Supervisor Michael Antonovich knowing he took the time to see and understand what this project really is.

Respectfully,



Is there any truth to TMC's parent company South Down being in litigation over a violation of the Federal Clean Water Act and has it been petitioned in court for civil penalty totaling \$50,000,000.00? Do they have any more cases pending?

Ann Darcy, Mayor Santa Clarita, Pete Knight, State Senator
McKeon, US Representative 25th District
Moore, Dept. of Regional Planning, George Runner, Assembly 36th District

Antonovich,

June 5, 1999

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TMC must to put up a bond measure to confirm the safety of our health in respect to their claims that the public will not be affected. We need the bond to protect us from asthma, bronchitis, respiratory disease, influenza, valley fever, cancer, etc.

We need to know where the hundreds of thousands of gallons of water per day are going to come from. Are we going to be allowed to pull this unbelievable amount of water from the Santa Clara river which was mentioned by the Council at the Acton Town Council meeting on May 24, 1999? It will eventually drain the water right out of Acton and Aqua Dulce. TMC claims it will have no effect; will this be backed by a bond measure to protect us from them polluting our wells? They are also understating the amount of water that will be used and I think it should be properly monitored. Again, where will the water come from?

The visual impact was down-played to such an extent as to think that we really would not know the real problems that could occur. I think it should be looked into a little closer. I feel the Dept. of Parks and Recreation should concentrate on stopping the project if they are that concerned with the Santa Clara Trail. Department of Transportation (Trans) should be extremely concerned about the width of Soladad Canyon Rd. and the tunnel with the 700 and actually 1164 truck trips per day. For all of our safety, TMC should have to widen the tunnel to protect us against the 80,000 pound trucks. They should also take into consideration all the repair work caused by these vehicles on freeways.

DHS should look a little closer at where all the fines will go in a wet year. Will they go down Bee Canyon? Have our Rail Road people been notified on their impacts?

Mr. Antonovich, you yourself come into the Acton, Aqua Dulce area to visit and trail ride. You have been here showing your concerns before and I think it is time to come up again to save the place you enjoy as much as we do, where there is nothing left to enjoy. I hope you are also against this project and understand the magnitude of it. Most 10 years have gone by since they designated and pulled permits for this project. Many years have passed and many changes have been made to our cities and our area. The county never let the surrounding areas know about this project not that I am aware of. I have seen many residential projects completed in the last ten years or so that will be affected in ways that I have already mentioned and to include a major drop in property value. For example look at any mining project in Irwindale, Azusa, Sun Valley and see the impact these communities have suffered.

There are many people that want to know that you are against this project. When you come to Acton and Aqua Dulce let us be proud of our friend and Supervisor Michael Antonovich knowing he took the time to see and understand what this project really is.

Respectfully,



Is there any truth to TMC's parent company South Down being in litigation over a violation of the Federal Clean Water Act and being petitioned in court for civil penalty totaling \$50,000,000.00? Do they have any more cases pending?

Ann Darcy, Mayor Santa Clarita, Pete Knight, State Senator
McKeon, US Representative 25th District
Moore, Dept. of Regional Planning, George Runner, Assembly 36th District

July 13, 1999

Ms. Julie Moore

Project Manager, Impact Analysis Section,
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RE: TMC (Transit Mixed Concrete Co.) Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Project #91-165-5

Dear Ms. Moore,

We have been homeowners and taxpayers in Canyon Country since 1985 and we reside in close proximity to the proposed mining project. Although this would be an issue for us even if we lived as far away as Castaic, this letter is to officially inform you, the commission, the LA board of Supervisors and the city of Santa Clarita of our extreme opposition to this absurd proposal.

Why is this project absurd? The entire time we have lived here, I have witnessed and participated in several oppositions to ridiculous projects imposed on this beautiful valley. We have watched for 15 years as the commission has dismantled, subjugated, circumvented and rationalized the Areawide General Plan to a point that defies description. We have endured the omnipotence of Newhall Land who willfully cast unrelenting dispersions on Canyon Country and it's residents just to ingratiate and sugarcoat their own rape of this valley. Enough is too much. I am convinced that if approved in any form, this project will literally destroy our collective health as well as our investment in this area.

What is absurd is to have a planning commission that does nothing to enhance life here. As they have proven to be the antithesis of planning, one only needs to drive our roads, look at our schools and rate our amenities to absorb the point. We thought the answer to these crimes was to become a city. When originally proposed, it was bitterly contested by the county until they allied with L.A.F.C.O.. Under the auspices of 'insuring proper infrastructure and funding,' they found a way to circumvent the new city's authority over building. It is not a coincidence, that any undeveloped land contiguous to the Santa Clarita borders were eliminated from the proposed city. Hence, Los Angeles retained control and the city of Santa Clarita is now reduced to the level of the loan citizen adding only one voice to opposition of any kind.

In the time we have spent here, air quality has gone from clear most days to unhealthy too many days. TMC's own EIR states that the impact on air quality "will be significant" but that "dust won't blow farther than 5 miles." Who do they think they are talking to? This is by definition, a windy area and if smog can blow in from the San Fernando Valley which is 20+ miles away, I would argue that much more documentation is required on exactly what formula determined this drivel. I also find it diabolical that its contributor(s) can imply without impunity, that *it is acceptable* to undermine the health of people within a five-mile radius. Which people should we eradicate for the sake of lucrative mining operations? This rather flippant, callous statement should completely destroy the credence of the entire report. It is obviously biased and has been created with the sole purpose of gaining acceptance for this project. It is my opinion that the existing EIR of record should be eliminated from any future discussion as it is fallacious and nonsequitur. Furthermore, having been submitted knowingly containing egregious false statements, TMC should be prevented from ever proposing another project.

Water usage will be massive and should be out of the question. Droughts are cyclical. Just 2 short years ago, we could not water our lawns, wash our cars or flush our toilets. What could possibly justify the use of many hundreds if not thousands of acre-feet per year to mine rock? Absurd!

I predict that other contaminants too numerous to mention but ranging from ammonium nitrate to fuels and explosives will be regularly "accidentally" spilled which will ruin our precious underground water supplies. Just send an another "expert" over to the old Bermite facility to prove me wrong.

Should we be blasting in an earthquake area replete with and/or adjacent to numerous faultlines?
I think not.

Traffic, a long suffered issue with no end in sight will be exponentially exacerbated by this project. Not only will it increase congestion it will add unnecessary danger to our roads. Many hundreds if not thousands of VPD's for 80,000+ pound trailers will definitely add significant danger to our already over burdened roads. Yes I say *many hundreds* because the EIR states 300 and I say *80,000 PLUS* because it is no secret that these trucks are always over loaded as well as have poor maintenance... just ask the CHP! Our roads can not handle this project.

I have testified on the public record as being against any project that proves to be detrimental to the area and its residents. I will continue to do so until the LACRPC desists in changing land usage at the whim of whining developers or in this case a mining company. Needless to say, it should be evident that there is a direct conflict between residential and mining just as there would be between farming and high rise office buildings, recreational land and a shipyard or a prison and a school. If we continue to allow undermining of the plan, we will without doubt become subservient to its worthless amalgam.

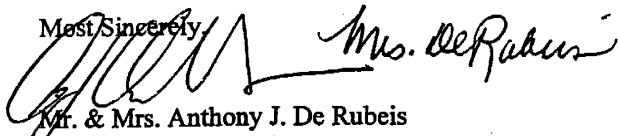
The bottom line is that **people live here** and this project is not conducive to life. This can not be sold to us no matter how unctuous the salesman. This will never be acceptable under any circumstances and the powers that be should be ashamed to have presented it to us in this manner. Nothing about this project can be mitigated to allow this proximity to quality, residential family life.

If TMC has not or will not get this message, MITIGATE THIS...

If this project continues forward, it will destroy my property value. Since my home will be worth nothing, I will not hesitate to mortgage it to finance a protracted litigation against TMC, Los Angeles County, Santa Clarita and any other damned fool who subscribes to this nonsense. I will not jeopardize the health and safety of my family for any reason let alone to line the pockets of a few individuals or a corporation.

In closing, knowing how people love labels, I am not an anti-growth extremist, just a logical thinking, taxpaying citizen fighting for my family and the community. If the Regional Planning Commission and the City of Santa Clarita have any social conscience or self respect left, I strongly urge them to vote no on this project and end the madness once and for all.

Most Sincerely,



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June 14, 1999

Los Angeles County
Regional Planning Commissioners
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Don Troy, George Pederson, Cheryl Vargo
320 West Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you to request that you REJECT the proposal for a Rock Quarry Expansion (Permit No. 91-165-(5)). I live at 33320 Kingbird Way, Acton, CA 93510 near the Agua Dulce/Acton borderline. I was distraught to learn about the mining expansion and the devastating impact it will have on our health, the environment, and traffic and noise levels.

The expanding rock quarry WILL effect the air quality in the Santa Clarita, Agua Dulce, and Acton areas and WILL bring disease to its residents and to those who commute on the 14 Freeway. I have worked at a hospital for 7 years and have seen patients with Valley Fever. This devastating disease, which is fatal in many cases, is prevalent in areas of high winds and where excessive dust/dirt particles are in the air, a combination that will occur if the rock quarry expansion is permitted. Another incurable disease is Pulmonary Silicosis which is associated with mining, stone cutting, foundry work, and quarrying. Other health problems include emphysema, asthma, chronic coughs, and allergies. These devastating diseases and health problems are ALL preventable by simply STOPPING the Rock Quarry Expansion in areas where people reside nearby.

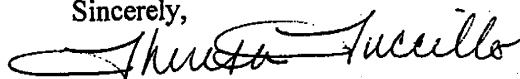
The environmental impact WILL be absolutely devastating. The noise caused by the operation of the mining including explosive blasts and 760-1164 truck trips per day at 1 truck every 1.8-1.2 minutes will create a horrible industrial wasteland. The massive trucks used to transport the processed quarry WILL overcrowd the 14 Freeway causing even more auto accidents and deaths than already occur on that highway. Particles and waste from the mining project will have no place to go but through the Santa Clarita river which WILL pollute and destroy its natural beauty, wildlife, and rare species of animals.

I have lived in the Santa Clarita Valley and surrounding areas of Agua Dulce and Acton all my life of 33 years. I urge you to PLEASE, DO NOT ALLOW THIS DESTRUCTION AND HEALTH HAZARD TO OCCUR. I love my community very much, but if we allow this expansion to occur anywhere near the Santa Clarita, Agua Dulce and Acton areas, we will all suffer the harmful consequences.

I sincerely hope and pray that you will make the decision to reject the proposed Rock Quarry Expansion Project (Permit No. 91-165-(5)) so that our loved ones will be able to enjoy a beautiful and healthy environment in the years to come.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Theresa Tuccillo

Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Lambert, City of Santa Clarita

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September 13, 1999 Re: Transit Mix EIR

This response to the Transit Mix DEIR is provided in written form as required by procedures.

It is also provided on line at my newspaper that is an adjudicated newspaper for Acton and Agua Dulce. The Internet version is easier to read and I encourage those of you who have electronic access to review the electronic copy at:

<http://www.vanguardnews.com/transit/>.

This project must not be approved because there is no need for added minerals, the EIR failed to disclose the major pollution by Nitrate contamination of the water supply for 200,000+ citizens in the Santa Clarita Valley, and it fails to even mitigate the few negative problems that are disclosed.

There is no need for the project.

In the Southlands 10K filling with the SEC they state:

"Aggregates Reserves -- Plant by plant, and at current construction aggregates production levels, 95% of the Company's various aggregates reserves will last from at least 10 years to over 50 years. At current production levels, almost 100% of the Company's various mineral reserves will last from 30 years to over 100 years. The following table indicates the location of the Company's construction and specialty aggregates operations: {the table includes these locations} Azusa and Moorpark, California"

Compare this to this statement from the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Summary for the Transit Mix Project under Project Purpose and Objectives: ①

"Existing aggregate reserves for the Los Angeles County P-C Region, which includes the Saugus-Newhall, Palmdale, San Gabriel Valley, and San Fernando Valley P-C Regions, will be depleted over the next several years."

Both of these statements cannot be true.

It is my option that there are sufficient supplies of aggregate for the next 20+ years and that the statement in the EIR is a blatant lie. To support this see the 2 year old story on Calmat shutting down its mining project "For lack of need". This was done before your commission on 1-14-96 - see "Surface Mining Permit & Reclamation Plan SM96144 Calmat Company at 14212 Lang Station Road, Canyon". ②

Nitrate Pollution

When sand and gravel is crushed and washed, the nitrates are dissolved and placed in the water table. Since the runoff of this project would be percolate from, the settling ponds directly into the Santa Clara River, which supplies a substantial portion of the drinking water for 200,000+ individuals. This source of critical nitrate pollution is totally ignored in the DEIR, and by itself is sufficient to stop the project.

The rocks and the mountains, that Transit Mix intends to surface mine, contain high level of nitrates. See S-4 "The principal material to be mined will be the Vasquez Conglomerate". Those who know Spanish realize that Agua Dulce means "sweet water". Nitrates dissolved in water tastes sweet, (3)

See the report by Howard Carlip, "An element occurring in volcanic rock, Soda Niter or **Sodium Nitrate (NaO3) N 16.5%, Na 27%**, it is described as deliquescent powder or granules, which means it undergoes gradual dissolution and liquefaction by the attraction and absorption of moisture from the air (Merck Index). **It too is very soluble in water.**" (4)

See the comments on the UCR report showing huge quantities of nitrates in the rocks." Also pointed out is the one Riverside rock and soil test on the "Vasquez Volcanics", showing 797 ppm nitrates buried in the appendix (B3-5)," (6)

Agua Dulce has one of the highest concentrations of natural nitrates occurring in the soil and rocks. This has been confirmed by a USGS study of the entire United States in the 1880's when Chile cut off sources of Salt Petre for production of munitions. In a study they determined that the Agua Dulce area had the highest occurring natural amount of nitrates. Agua Dulce is designated as a health hazard area by Los Angeles County because of high nitrates in the ground water (5) (7)

A commercial well (Pine Tree 1) located just south of the existing sand and gravel areas, has a high concentration of nitrate in the water. This nitrate approaches the maximum safe level of 40 mg/l.

Massive Unmitigated environmental pollution and board based community opposition

With few exceptions the only groups supporting this project are Transit Mix, Vendors and their paid supporters. There is massive opposition to the project. Every Homeowners groups, School District Chamber of commerce (Except the San Fernando Valley trade group), all federal and state elected representatives, and even the City of Santa Clarita, which has hired its own experts to oppose the project.

Transit Mix refused to make a copy of their EIR available in electronic form for us to publish, at no cost to them. See my letter on December 11, 1996 to the RPC. Even after I testified before your commission on 4-4-99, they still refused. See: (8)

<http://www.vanguardnews.com/transit/0904070van.htm> (9)

What are they trying to hide?

See our full opposition at:

<http://www.vanguardnews.com/transit/DEIR%20comments.htm> (10)

Paper copies of the Web pages are attached

Comments on the DEIR for the Transit Mix Project

Draft comments Hearing has been postponed to 9-21-99

Regional Planning Commission

Concerning: Transit Mix Surface Mining Permit

Gentlemen,

Since we have not been able to get an electronic searchable copy of the DEIR, these comments are made from what we have learned about the project and are incomplete due to the limited time to study the Hard copy the county provided on April 12. The proof that the file exists in electronic form is the file names are printed on the inside corner of each page. (8200A(EIR) 2/11/99).

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This project should not be approved at this time because:

1. There is no need for more sand, gravel and concrete sources .
2. A healthy supply of material available from their competitors. CalMat shut down their mine and removed their batch plant in the same area, for lack of need, in 1996. And to this day they have not reopened it even though it is fully permitted. Further, Calmat in its 10K report claims that it has a 100 year supply in the Los Angeles area.
3. The project mitigation is inadequate and will destroy the endanger habitat, scenic Highway and a rural community .

In fact the real need for this project is exposed on page S-6 "If approved, the Project will allow TMC to continue manufacturing sand and gravel products within the County after TMC's existing sand and gravel reserves in the City of Azusa are depleted within the next few years."

The permit has nothing to do with the overall needs, only the need to keep Transit Mix alive.

Lack of need

This project is not needed. There are adequate existing commercial sources of sand and gravel in both Los Angeles County and specifically in the Santa Clara Valley and Antelope Valley. Proof of this is period of time because again there is no significant need for sand and gravel.

CalMat closed its surface mining operation, which is located about one mile south of the project, because of lack of use. Closing a working project for lack of use is absolute proof that this new project is unnecessary.

Calmat claims in their 10-K stockholder's report filled with the SEC that they have a **100 year supply of sand and gravel (1.8 billion tons) in LA County**. This statement was contained in the 10K report Provided to the Agua Dulce Town Council and published to the community on 4-24-96

There are several sand and gravel mining operations using renewable sources which are

1. the new sand and gravel washed down the stream by natural actions during floods in the Santa Clara river.
2. Recycling of construction debris

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A study of the commercial wells in the area shows that the Pine Tree well, located just south of the existing sand and gravel areas, has a high concentration of nitrate in the water. This nitrate approaches the maximum safe level of 40 mg/l. To allow this project which is unneeded, to pollute this drinking water, would be unconscionable. There is no possible mitigation except to do the project in another area that does not pollute drinking water.

Agua Dulce has already been designated as a health hazard area by Los Angeles County because of high nitrates in the ground water.

Incorrect statements in the DEIR.

Page S-3 "Existing aggregate reserves for the Los Angeles County P-C Region, which includes the Saugus-Newhall, Palmdale, San Gabriel Valley, and San Fernando Valley P-C Regions, will be depleted over the next several years." This unsupported self serving statement is not true. The Antelope Valley has sand and gravel mines approved by LA County, with supplies for current needs to exceed 100 years. All other areas have sufficient supplies based on current needs for at least 30 years.

Page S-3 "Because public agencies are the primary purchasers of aggregate products, increased costs associated with bringing materials from distant production locations will be passed on to the taxpayers." This is just not true as very limited public agency projects are planned or budgeted at the present time. An informal survey of several suppliers indicated that private uses are 10 time agency uses.

Page S-3 "The CDMG monitors consumption of aggregate reserves in six separate aggregate P-C regions within the County. Among the conclusions presented by the CDMG in its 1994 update report are the following: The CDMG estimates that the current sand and gravel reserves in the County will run out by the year 2016 unless new reserves are permitted. Actual County consumption for the period from 1982 to 1992 exceeded estimates for the period by 24 percent."

The CDMG report in 1994 is obsolete and used data on the unlimited growth era of 1982 to 1992. This growth rate will never be seen again. If you look at projects filed with the RPC from 1994 to today they supports the sharp downturn in growth showing a lack of need for more aggregate sources.

Dust

The area is a non-attainment area for particulates. Obviously surface mining and rock crushing will produce significant dust added to the community. Therefore, these effects cannot be mitigated adequately.

Traffic

The only access are two narrow mountain roads, Agua Dulce Canyon and Soledad Canyon, both with high traffic levels and high accident rates. This would be unacceptable.

Light and Noise

See page S-5 The Project would operate 7 days per week with aggregate processing occurring up to 16 hours per day and product shipping occurring 24 hours a day, depending on demand. and goes on to claim on S-9 However, because of distance and intervening topography, no significant noise impact on the town of Agua Dulce is predicted

Agua Dulce is a quiet, rural community which prizes it's dark nights and no street lights or other urban lighting. This project would produce night lights and many of them would probably be left on all night long. The noise would be heard and would disturb the people living in the community.

Water

See page S-7 The Project is located in the Acton Valley Subunit near the boundary of the Eastern Subunit of the Santa Clara River Valley hydrologic unit. Precipitation is the primary source of water in the Acton Valley Subunit, and although the annual and seasonal precipitation varies, **the aquifer recharges quickly regardless of the annual precipitation amount.**

What an outrageous statement. We have plenty of water regardless of the annual precipitation. What can we believe in the entire report if this is an example of their "engineering".

See Page S-8 "The Eastern Subunit comprises a larger area than the Acton Valley Subunit. Water resources in the Eastern Subunit include development of alluvial sediments of the Santa Clara River and development of the Saugus Formation. Neither the Acton Valley Subunit nor the Eastern Subunit is projected to be in danger of overdrafting the respective water resources".

The so-called eastern Subunit is the water supply for Santa Clarita and points down stream all the way to Ventura. Acton according to LA County is so short of water the county and the developers spent 12 million dollars to connect the Acton Water System to AVECK.

The Newhall ranch project has to identify new sources of water supply for each of their developments as You as the RPC agreed that the ground water was already overdrafted from this exact source in your approval of that project.

See Page S-8 Both surface and subsurface water quality in the immediate area of the site is considered to be good by the CRWQCB

Wrong the CRWQCB has issued a report showing hazardous nitrate pollution in Agua Dulce and a public report of the commercial wells in the area shows that the Pine Tree well, located just south of the existing sand and gravel areas, has a high concentration of nitrate in the water, making it unfit for direct use.

Sensitive Environmental Areas

See Page S-10 Approximately 23 acres of riparian habitat occur adjacent to and downstream of the site in the Santa Clara River channel. This reach of the river is part of the essential habitat of the endangered unarmored threespine stickleback (stickleback) fish

The Santa Clara river is the last wild running river in Los Angeles County. To Extract all of this water and then pollute it with nitrates and return it to the river will destroy its natural state and cause severe damage to sensitive environmental areas. The exiting surface

mining operations in the area are an eyesore and particularly bothersome is the pool of greenish colored water which slowly seeps into the river.

There are many other areas in Southern California where sand and gravel can be mined and particularly in this case there are areas which are operating mines that are closed for lack of use. This project therefore, is environmentally unsound and economically unsound and is simply a mechanism for one company to attempt to obtain supplies to enhance its competitive position relative to another company who has existing mines and mining rights. I therefore request that you deny this request and consider the environmental impact study improper and the use as unneeded.

Public Services

On page S-9 "Fire protection services are provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department and include three engines, a patrol, and a paramedic squad within 30 minutes of the Project site".

Mining and blasting has one of the highest injury rates for industrial occupations. How would you like to wait 30 minutes for a paramedic after a major injury. The effect on the our community while our only paramedic unit, in 15 miles, spends its time serving the minning site is a reduction of service to our community.

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Introduction

This Environmental Impact Report (EIR) provides an analysis of the environmental impacts associated with Transit Mixed Concrete Company's (TMC), a division of Southdown, Inc., proposed Sand and Gravel Mining Project (Project) in Soledad Canyon, Los Angeles County, (County) California. The EIR provides documentation of potential short- and long-term environmental impacts of the Project and serves as an agency decision-making tool for Project approval. The EIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code §§21000 et seq.; CEQA) and County procedures for implementing CEQA.

The County is the Lead Agency for this Project under CEQA. The discretionary action requiring CEQA review is the County's approval of a surface mining permit for this Project. The majority of the Project site is a "split estate" with the mineral resources owned by the United States of America and administered by the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Accordingly, the decision to allow mining of the federal minerals is a "federal action" requiring federal environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 USCA [United States Code Annotated] §§4321-4347; NEPA). Because the surface is privately owned and the federally owned subsurface mineral resources are administered by the BLM, the County and BLM are both responsible for analyzing and approving a Mining and Reclamation Plan (1997) in compliance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975, as amended (SMARA), and the Code of Federal Regulations. The County has decided to conduct a separate state environmental review process; consequently, the County's EIR complies with CEQA, and the BLM will prepare and process a separate Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that complies with NEPA.

The Project is also subject to the jurisdiction of other federal, state, regional, and local agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

(USFWS), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), California Department of Conservation Division of Mines and Geology (CDMG), California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region (CRWQCB), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), various departments within the County, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and local fire departments. The SWRCB specifically will use the EIR in making a decision to grant a permit to appropriate water for the Project. Other agencies may use the EIR as well in considering subsequent discretionary approvals or permitting decisions. Back to index

RELATED STUDIES

Several related plans, environmental documents, and studies have been prepared or are being prepared that are related to the Project. These are briefly described below.

Environmental Assessment for Sale of Sand and Gravel - The BLM complied with NEPA by preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the sale of sand and gravel for the Project site (BLM 1989).

Environmental Impact Statement, Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project A Draft EIS assessing BLM's action to approve the Project is in preparation. It is expected that the EIS and the County's EIR will have similar but not necessarily parallel processing schedules.

Federal Biological Assessment - A federal Biological Assessment relative to the endangered armored threespine stickleback has been prepared and submitted to the USFWS.

Mining and Reclamation Plan - The Applicant has prepared a Draft Mining and Reclamation Plan complying with SMARA and applicable regulations. The Mining and Reclamation Plan has been submitted to the County Department of Public Works, CDMG, and BLM. Review of the Mining and Reclamation Plan is proceeding concurrently with the EIR. Back to index

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The site for the proposed mining operation is located north of the City of Los Angeles in Soledad Canyon in Sections 9 and 16 of Township 4 North, Range 14 West; San Bernardino Base and Meridian. The location is within an unincorporated area of the County north of Soledad Canyon Road, south of the Antelope Valley Freeway, and west of Agua Dulce Canyon. Portions of the site have previously been mined by prior sand and gravel operators since 1968. The County issued a conditional use permit (CUP) for mining sand and gravel in 1972 that expired in 1992.

The Applicant has entered into contracts with the BLM (Federal Contracts) to mine the federally owned minerals on the site pursuant to the Applicant's winning bid submitted in response to a public competitive bid process conducted by the BLM, as required by the federal Minerals Act of 1947. Pursuant to these Federal Contracts, the Applicant plans to mine a total of 83 million tons of material and produce and sell approximately 56.1 million tons of sand and gravel, also known as Portland cement concrete sand and gravel (PCC aggregates), over a 20-year period. The Project includes plans to ship PCC aggregates to markets within the greater Los Angeles area and operate a concrete batch plant to produce and deliver ready-mixed concrete to the local market.

For purposes of analysis, the Project site has been divided into two areas (Areas A and B) based on land use and land ownership. The surface mining operation will be conducted within the 460 acres of Area A, for which the United States holds the mineral ownership. As a "split estate," the mineral estate is dominant and the mining operator is entitled to occupy as much of the surface as it needs for purposes reasonably incident to mining or related mining activities, and the surface estate owner is precluded from interfering in any way with the mining operation (Federal Stock Raising Homestead Act). The Project processing facilities will be located primarily within the 40 acres of Area B. All proposed mining and operations will be located north of Soledad Canyon Road and the Santa Clara River. Water resources for the Project will

be developed in Area B and southwest of Area B, both owned by the C. A. Rasmussen Company and presently under a nonexclusive lease by TMC. Back to index

Project Purpose and Objectives

The purpose and objectives of the Project are to provide a reliable and economically sound source of construction minerals primarily for the Santa Clarita Valley and greater Los Angeles area, develop construction mineral reserves in the Saugus-Newhall Production-Consumption (P-C) Region in an area designated as a Regionally Significant Construction Aggregate Resource Area by the State of California, develop a source of ready-mixed concrete for the Santa Clarita Valley, mine the Project site to produce 56.1 million tons of PCC aggregates and provide \$28 million in royalties to the Federal Government in accordance with the Federal Contracts, and provide for the environmentally sound and economically feasible reclamation of the site.

Existing aggregate reserves for the Los Angeles County P-C Region, which includes the Saugus-Newhall, Palmdale, San Gabriel Valley, and San Fernando Valley P-C Regions, will be depleted over the next several years. When the existing aggregate reserves are depleted, the Los Angeles market will become dependent on reserves from more distant production locations. Limited recycling of aggregate occurs, but recycling does not represent a significant source of construction material because quality problems with the recycled material preclude its use in many construction applications. For example, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) specifications forbid the use of recycled aggregate in PCC for its projects (California Department of Conservation 1985, Caltrans Standard Specifications 1996).

Because aggregates are a low value-to-weight commodity, transportation costs determine whether a particular quarry or production location is competitive and/or profitable for a given market. It is generally agreed that as regional reserves are depleted, regional costs of sand and gravel will increase. Because public agencies are the primary purchasers of aggregate products, increased costs associated with bringing materials from distant production locations will be passed on to the taxpayers.

The CDMG monitors consumption of aggregate reserves in six separate aggregate P-C regions within the County. Among the conclusions presented by the CDMG in its 1994 update report are the following:

The CDMG estimates that the current sand and gravel reserves in the County will run out by the year 2016 unless new reserves are permitted. Actual County consumption for the period from 1982 to 1992 exceeded estimates for the period by 24 percent.

In the Saugus-Newhall P-C Region, demand for aggregates was approximately 13.6 million tons for the 1982 to 1994 period. This was nearly 48 percent more than projected. The increase in demand over that projected is attributed to greater-than-anticipated population growth.

The CDMG estimates that the reserves in the San Fernando Valley region will be depleted by the year 2001. As this occurs, the San Fernando Valley region will become increasingly dependent on the Saugus-Newhall and San Gabriel Valley regions to meet its needs. The combined reserves of these three areas is about 543 million tons, and the combined consumption is about 90 percent of the total for the County. Reserves in the Saugus-Newhall and San Gabriel Valley regions could be depleted by the year 2016 and 2009, respectively.

Given the lead time required to bring a new mine on-line (approximately 6 to 9 years), it seems prudent for an agency to maintain at least a 20-year supply of aggregates. The Project will contribute about 56.1 million tons (or about 6.6 percent) of the 845 million tons of aggregates needed to maintain a 20-year supply for years 2015 to 2034. Back to index

Description of Proposed Mining Activities

TMC currently holds Federal Contracts with the BLM to either mine up to 56.1 million tons

of product or mine through 20 years. Additional aggregate product would be available from this property at the end of the mining period; however, any additional mining would first require a determination by the Federal Government to sell or otherwise dispose of its mineral resources and also would be subject to County, state, and federal review and/or approval. For purposes of this assessment, the Project will be complete at the end of the 20th year or when 56.1 million tons are produced and shipped from the property.

Based on the maximum mining production (56.1 million tons), the resultant landform modification will result in the lowering of the peak ridgeline elevation from approximately 700 to about 500 feet above Soledad Canyon Road. Several existing ravines on the north side of the ridge will be filled, resulting in a relatively smooth hillside with relief provided to provide a more natural appearance. TMC will recontour and renegotiate disturbed ground surfaces, returning the site to an open space condition. Reclamation of the site for TMC's mining impacts has already been guaranteed by TWC through posting a bond with the BLM and state and County governments.

The principal material to be mined will be the Vasquez Conglomerate, which can be divided into the "lower unit" Tv1 and the "middle unit" Tv2. A higher proportion of good-quality sand and gravel is located in the unit identified as Tv1, which is overlain by unit Tv2. It is estimated that 70 percent of the Tv1 material and 45 percent of the Tv2 material can be sold as product. Therefore, to produce 56.1 million tons of aggregate product, it is estimated that 82.7 million tons of materials will be mined, up to 13.2 million tons of fines will be back-filled into the mined-out areas of the quarry, 12.9 million tons of fines will be stockpiled in the North Fines Storage Area (NFSA), and 0.5 million ton may be trucked offsite in the early years of operation (years 1 to 3).

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TMC's general mining plan for the site includes preproduction activities, two phases of mining activity, and reclamation activities, as summarized below.

Mine Pre-production Activities. Pre-production activities will include preparing the site for the commencement of mining activities. Pre-production will involve stabilizing the steep slopes of the existing quarry at the southeast corner of the site and constructing the desilting and debris basins at the base of slopes draining the mining area and NFSA. Where it is reasonably feasible, the mining areas will be pre-stripped with topsoil salvaged as practical. During pre-production, roadways and other site facilities such as aggregate processing areas, batch plant, truck facilities, water facilities, office, and parking facilities will be constructed.

Mining Operations. The Project concept plan of mining cuts (Concept Plan) includes excavation of the deposit in four successive cuts to produce up to 56.1 million tons of aggregate product. Product will be excavated using periodic blasting and heavy excavation equipment. Material will be transported over the site to processing areas using both off-road trucks and conveyor systems. Material will be processed via onsite rock crushers and screens, and then temporarily stockpiled until transported offsite in trucks as either aggregate product or ready-mixed concrete. The excess fines screened at the primary crusher feed will be temporarily stacked on the operating bench and then loaded into off-road trucks and/or earthmoving equipment and moved to the NFSA. The Project would operate 7 days per week with aggregate processing occurring up to 16 hours per day and product shipping occurring 24 hours a day, depending on demand. However, actual mining of material would occur 6 days per week. Phase 1 of the Project includes the first 10 years of the contract and Phase 2 includes Project years 11 through 20.

This general mining activity will be repeated for Cuts 1 through 4. TMC's current Federal Contracts with the BLM will expire at the end of the 20th year of operation when mining will be on the 2,125-foot elevation of Cut 4. At that time, up to 12.9 million tons of excess fines will have been placed in the NFSA on the north side of the site.

Site Reclamation. The Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Project provides measures to minimize adverse environmental effects of surface mining and return the land to a beneficial end use. The plan includes reclamation processes that are concurrent with mining operations to minimize adverse effects of surface mining and occur at the end of mining to

return the land to a beneficial use. Revegetation of the NTFSA will be a concurrent permanent reclamation process as the area is filled.

It is the position of TMC and the BIM (the administrator of the Federal Government's mineral rights) that the site will be reclaimed to create an open space environment. The debris basins are not permanent structures and will be removed after reclamation. Back to index

ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT

The Federal Government, through a public competitive bidding process and the Federal Contracts, has granted TMC the right to produce 56.1 million tons of sand and gravel in Soledad Canyon. TMC agreed to pay the Federal Government \$28,000,000 in royalties. According to a letter written to the Local County Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) by the BLM, 76 percent of these royalties (\$21,280,000) will go to a regional fund for projects such as enhancement of wildlife habitats/preserves and recreation. In addition, 4 percent of the royalties (\$1,120,000) will go to the State of California, and half of those receipts (\$560,000) will be refunded to the County (BLM letter to LAFCO, January 15, 1993).

If approved, the Project will allow TMC to continue manufacturing sand and gravel products within the County after TMC's existing sand and gravel reserves in the City of Azusa are depleted within the next few years. TMC, or its parent company, Southdown, Inc., has employed between 400 and 500 local men and women and has injected \$27,000,000 in wages and taxes into the regional economy each year from operation of its aggregate processing and ready-mixed concrete manufacturing plants in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. It is reasonable to assume that, with the approval of the Project, this level of economic activity by Southdown, Inc., will continue.

If TMC's Project is not approved, the immediate economic impact will include the loss of \$28,000,000 in royalties to the Federal Government. In addition, the County will experience a substantial reduction of sales and other tax revenues due to the loss of jobs and substantial increases in public works construction costs and probable increases in social services costs. Back to index

CONSISTENCY WITH REGIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING

Through SMARA, the CDMG designates specific areas as being of statewide or regional significance for mineral development. The Project site has been designated by the State of California a Regionally Significant Construction Aggregate Resource Area. This formal designation of TMC's site by the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) has been codified in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, §3550.9. The designation of the mineral resources of the site as "Regionally Significant" extends certain special protections to the resources within the site for the planning and permitting process. All cities and counties are required to incorporate Regionally Significant designation information into their General Plans. Lead Agencies must adopt statements of policy, recognizing the importance of these identified mineral resources, and they must develop implementation procedures known as mineral resource policies. These include imposing conditions on incompatible land uses in and adjacent to designated areas in order to mitigate significant land use conflicts before an agency permits a use that would be incompatible with mineral extraction. Therefore, the state designation means that local planning agencies must assist in managing land use that affects designated areas and emphasize conservation and development of the identified area. In addition, local planning agencies must balance the mineral resource values against alternative land uses and consider the importance of the mineral resources to their market region as a whole. Before permitting a use that would threaten the potential to extract mineral resources in the state-designated area, local planning agencies must prepare a statement specifying the reasons for permitting the proposed use and forward a copy to the State Geologist and the SMGB for review in accordance with SMARA. The County's General Plan specifically requires the protection of known mineral reserves from encroachment by incompatible land uses.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS

The following sections summarize the issues for each environmental resource. The environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and residual impacts for each resource are presented in Table S-1 at the end of this section. Back to index

Geotechnical Resources

Topography of the Project site is characterized by moderate to steep slopes. A portion of the site contains surface disturbance from a previous mining operation. The proposed surface mine and mining fines storage areas will alter the landforms in the Project area. All mining cuts and slopes will be constructed or graded for stability and erosion control. Slope stability analysis has shown that mining cut slopes will achieve a suitable factor of safety, assuming a maximum probable earthquake of 7.1M along the Mojave segment of the San Andreas Fault. For fin slopes such as the NFSA, slope stability analysis indicated a less-than-acceptable factor of safety. Mitigation measures stipulating final slope configuration, proper surface compaction, and use of specific soil materials will provide a suitable factor of safety. The unreclaimed high walls remaining from the previous mining operation will be stabilized as the Project is established on the site. The proposed mine will be monitored throughout the life of the Project by a California registered civil engineer or certified geologist. The mine operator (TMC) will maintain all records of correspondence, reports, and designs provided by the registered professionals. Mined areas will be reclaimed through grading and revegetation according to the Reclamation Plan designed for the Project. Supplemental slope stability evaluations for the final slope configurations at the end of mining were completed and recommendations for reduced slope angles have been incorporated into the Project. No significant impacts will remain after implementation of the Project Mining and Reclamation Plan. Back to index

Water Resources

The Project proposes to divert water from the underflow of the Santa Clara River. The State of California has enacted a comprehensive regulatory framework in the California Water Code and implemented regulations through which the SWRCB allocates, regulates, and otherwise controls the use of surface water throughout the State, including within the Santa Clara River. The SWRCB has not determined the Santa Clara River to be fully appropriated and thus continues to accept applications to appropriate surface water. TMC has an application to appropriate water pending before the SWRCB that is senior in time and right to any other application pending before the SWRCB in that reach of the river.

The Project is located in the Acton Valley Subunit near the boundary of the Eastern Subunit of the Santa Clara River Valley hydrologic unit. Precipitation is the primary source of water in the Acton Valley Subunit, and although the annual and seasonal precipitation varies, the aquifer recharges quickly regardless of the annual precipitation amount. Water resources are developed from recoverable water retained in stream terraces and the Santa Clara River alluvium. Due to the correlation between known precipitation and actual stream flow, sustained flows during the fall can be predicted based on measured precipitation levels.

The Eastern Subunit comprises a larger area than the Acton Valley Subunit. Water resources in the Eastern Subunit include development of alluvial sediments of the Santa Clara River and development of the Saugus Formation. Neither the Acton Valley Subunit nor the Eastern Subunit is projected to be in danger of overdrafting the respective water resources. The Project is downstream of the communities of Acton and Agua Dulce; therefore, no impacts on water resources to these communities will occur. In the immediate site vicinity, the Santa Clara River flows through a narrow alluvium-filled channel with an underflow occurring even in drier years. Local sensitive ecological habitats occur adjacent to and downstream of the site. No impacts were identified relative to local water users or regional water resources due to the Project's projected water use; however, uncontrolled pumping of subsurface flows would result in significant impacts on local sensitive ecological habitats during the dry months of dry years. Measures to protect the local sensitive

ecological habitats include a habitat protection plan and reduction or cessation of pumping, if necessary. All water resource impacts have been mitigated to less than significant. Back to index

Flood

Average rainfall near the Project site is projected to be 14 to 15 inches per year. The site drains to the Santa Clara River. The Project mining operations and facilities are located outside of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Zone A 100-year floodplain of the river and outside of the County Capital Floodway boundary. The potential for erosion and sedimentation from mining areas is a significant adverse impact of the Project. Mitigation of this impact will be accomplished by installing desilting/debris basins, which will exist through the life of the Project to provide control of surface runoff and erosion. The desilting/debris basins will be maintained per specifications in the Project Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Other design measures to control runoff and erosion during premining operations include V-ditches, onsite and specific offsite culverts, drop inlets, and drainage pipes. Impacts from surface runoff from the site will be mitigated to less than significant through these Project mitigation measures.

Water Quality

Both surface and subsurface water quality in the immediate area of the site is considered to be good by the CRWQCB. Three potential sources of water quality impacts may occur onsite: premining and construction activities, mining and processing operations, and mining reclamation.

Three plans have been prepared and will be implemented to mitigate any water quality impacts and assure continued good water quality of the Santa Clara River surface water and groundwater. The Drainage Concept Plan depicts desilting/debris basins to be constructed to avoid and prevent impacts because of increased rates of erosion. The SWPPP describes in detail specific best management practices to reduce pollutants in storm water discharge. The Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan (SPCCP) identifies procedures and controls that will be implemented over the life of the Project to prevent the release of petroleum and hazardous materials. These three plans will be implemented to control runoff from the site and mitigate potential impacts that could occur from sedimentation or chemical spills to less-than-significant levels. Back to index

Noise

The Project site is characterized by mountainous terrain; it is surrounded by mountains that essentially shield the site from any developed areas or residents. The closest residence is located approximately 1/4 mile south. Noise sources at the site include natural sounds and man-made sounds from Soledad Canyon Road, trains, aircraft over flight, and concurrent mining operations. The Project is expected to increase noise in the immediate site vicinity. Short-term construction noise will be most heavily concentrated in the area of pre-production operations, while the long-term noise increase will be due to noise created by periodic blasting, heavy mining equipment, increased traffic from truck deliveries to and from the site, and commuter traffic. The long-term noise from operations is significant because some receptors will be subjected to noise levels in excess of 65 dBA expressed as the community noise equivalent level (CNEL). However, because of distance and intervening topography, no significant noise impact on the town of Agua Dulce is predicted. Mining activities will require periodic low-yield blasting to aid excavation. The impacts of vibration due to blasting are less than significant with respect to potential damage to residential structures near the site; however, blast noise and vibration will be audible and perceptible within about 1/2 mile of the blasting location.

To reduce the increased noise to less-than-significant levels, several measures will be implemented. A sound wall will be built near the River's End Trailer Park to reduce noise due to traffic increases. Berms or cut slopes can also be used to reduce noise exposure to the proposed Bee Canyon Mobile Home Park, if constructed. Blasting will be governed by a

Blasting Plan approved by the County and incorporating a public awareness program to inform the local population that blasting will take place during specified hours and under appropriate atmospheric conditions. To mitigate noise and vibration impacts, a restriction on the maximum velocity for vibration and air blast overpressure at nearby receptors will be implemented (i.e., 0.5 in/sec particle velocity for vibration and 133 dBL air overpressure based on OSMERE standards), and a monitoring plan for blast-induced ground vibration and air overpressure will be conducted to insure that the performance standards are not exceeded. Back to index

Public Services

Fire protection services are provided by the Los Angeles County Fire Department and include three engines, a patrol, and a paramedic squad within 30 minutes of the Project site. The County also maintains a mutual aid agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for fire protection. Typical impacts associated with mining operations include sparks from equipment, storage of fuels, and possible use of explosive materials in a high-fire potential area. No explosives will be stored onsite, and explosives will be used only by an authorized outside contractor. Removal of vegetation in active mining areas will reduce the fire hazard onsite. Fire prevention training will be provided to employees, and fire prevention equipment will be available. A 600,000-gallon onsite water tank will be used to fight fires in an emergency; additionally, earthmoving equipment and manpower are available to aid in fire suppression. Any potential impacts will be mitigated to less than significant, and no additional public services will be required by the Project. Back to index

Air Quality

Climate in the Project vicinity is characterized by hot summers and mild winters, infrequent rainfall, moderate afternoon breezes, and generally fair weather. Daily regional airflow brings polluted air from the heavily developed portions of the Los Angeles Basin into the Project area late in the afternoon from late spring to early fall. This condition creates unhealthy air quality and diminishes the scenic vistas of the mountains surrounding Antelope Valley. The Project will generate significant amounts of exhaust emissions and fugitive dust from construction, mining operations, and increased offsite traffic. Nitrogen oxides, reactive organics, and PM-10 exceed SCAQMD thresholds in Phases 1 and 2, and carbon monoxide (CO) emissions exceed thresholds in Phase 2. However, no micro scale CO impacts are projected. Measures will be implemented to minimize air quality impacts. Fugitive dust will be minimized by active watering, appropriate filtering (rock and sand processing), broom-truck sweeping, and dust suppressants. Air pollution increases due to heavy equipment and vehicle travel will be minimized by maintaining equipment in low-emission condition, using low-emission machinery and fuels, and eliminating long idling periods by Turning equipment off During periods of high ambient pollution (i.e., Stage II smog alerts), construction will be curtailed or ceased. However, even after mitigation, impacts on air quality remain significant. Back to index

Biota

The Project would result in the removal of 187 acres of natural vegetation on the 500-acre site over the 20-year life of the Project. The vegetation communities that would be involved include mixtures of coastal sage scrub, desert chaparral, and mixed chaparral. Four sensitive plant species have been found in the NFSA since a 1994 fire. Seeds will be collected and incorporated into the reclamation effort to mitigate any potentially significant impacts on sensitive species to less-than-significant levels. The habitats onsite support a wide variety of wildlife, and the loss of these habitats will be mitigated to the greatest extent possible by reclamation and revegetation. Potential impacts on these species could occur if the species were present onsite in substantial numbers. However, no sensitive wildlife species were observed onsite during surveys conducted between 1990 and 1995. Habitat that could support several sensitive species, including the San Diego coast horned lizard, coast patch-nose snake, and coastal rosy boa, is present mainly outside of the mining area. Moderate potential exists for the coastal western whiptail. to occur onsite, but no individuals

were found. Potential impacts on the coastal western whiptail would be mitigated to less-than-significant levels through implementation of the proposed component of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Approximately 23 acres of riparian habitat occur adjacent to and downstream of the site in the Santa Clara River channel. This reach of the river is part of the essential habitat of the endangered unarmored three spine stickleback (stickleback) fish. A Federal Biological Assessment (1996) was prepared to analyze the impacts of the Project on biological resources, including the stickleback. Potential impacts on the riparian habitat and the essential habitat of the stickleback could occur from the Project through uncontrolled surface runoff and uncontrolled pumping of the river underflow. Project design measures for controlling surface runoff from the site will mitigate potential impacts from this source. Measures to protect the riparian habitat and the essential stickleback habitat from uncontrolled pumping of the river underflow will include implementation of the Habitat Protection Plan. The plan includes habitat monitoring and action levels that will result in modification to mining operations to reduce or cease pumping of river underflow when necessary. Potential significant impacts on sensitive fish and riparian habitat are mitigated to less-than-significant levels through implementation of the Habitat Protection Plan. Back to index

Cultural Resources

One historic archaeological site (a trash scatter) exists on the site but will not be disturbed by Project activities. This historic archaeological site will be fenced under the direction of an archaeological monitor to assure that the site is not disturbed. Future testing and data recovery may be required if future construction requires site disturbance. Back to index

Visual Qualities

The Project is located mainly on the south side of a visually dominant ridgeline that separates Soledad Canyon from the Antelope Valley Freeway. The landform will be altered significantly by the proposed mining operation because of changes in form, line, color, and texture. Some of the effects of landform change will be reduced by reclamation and revegetation of the engineered slopes and resloped roads immediately after mining activity has ceased in a particular area. The Project will reclaim previously mined areas on the southeastern portion of the site that would otherwise be left in their present disturbed state because no reclamation has occurred. Even so, permanent landform alteration will occur as a result of this Project. Even after recontouring and revegetation of the site, significant impacts will remain to views of the site from the Antelope Valley Freeway, Bee Canyon, and Soledad Canyon Road.

Night-lighting in the processing and operations areas of the site will be provided. No permanent lighting will be provided on the NFSA. The lighting provided will not be a source of annoyance to surrounding properties. However, the amount of lighting provided is less than one-half of the amount provided by street lighting alone for an equivalent acreage of residential development. The Project's source of lighting will add to the amount of indirect light pollution or urban glow that may be observed in rural communities. The Project impact is considered potentially significant although it is incremental. The Project will incorporate modern light systems that direct lighting to specific areas of the site and prevent stray lighting from spilling over onto adjacent properties. Back to index

Traffic

The Project site will be accessed most frequently from the Antelope Valley Freeway by the Soledad Canyon Road interchange and the two-lane, east-westbound Soledad Canyon Road. Traffic impacts of the Project were assessed using the 1997 County Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines. Based on the level of service (LOS) analysis, both Soledad Canyon Road and Agua Dulce Road operate under primarily free-flow conditions where drivers can maintain their desired speeds with little or no delay (LOS A) during a.m. and p.m. peak hours. The Project will generate 754 average daily traffic (ADT) in Phase 1 and 1,284 ADT

in Phase 2, the majority of which is truck traffic and no impacts will result.

The County Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division, using a more conservative methodology concluded that the easternmost segment of Soledad Canyon Road operates at LOS D under existing a.m. peak hour conditions, resulting in a significant cumulative projects impact.

The analysis shows that the TMC Project will not significantly impact study area intersections under Phase 1 or Phase 2. Under both Phases, the Soledad Canyon Road/Antelope Valley Freeway northbound and southbound ramp intersections will be significantly affected with or without the Project if the other cumulative projects are developed. Both northbound and southbound ramps intersections meet signal warrants for Phases 1 and 2 with cumulative projects. Also, potentially significant safety impacts are associated with trucks merging to and from Soledad Canyon Road at the Project entrance.

Mitigation measures are recommended for the easternmost segment of Soledad Canyon Road and the Soledad Canyon Road intersection with the Antelope Valley Freeway north and southbound ramps. Intersection improvements and traffic signal controls will be required to achieve an acceptable LOS with or without the Project if cumulative projects are developed. Based on County guidelines, the Project will contribute its fair share of the costs of the improvements.

Several additional measures will be implemented to reduce traffic hazards to a less-than significant level. The access road to the Project site at Soledad Canyon Road will be designed for safe entry and exiting, including a merge lane for westbound traffic exiting the facility and a turn pocket for eastbound traffic entering the facility. Beginning in Phase 2, and based on a revised Traffic Index analysis, the Applicant will contribute fair-share costs to add pavement to Soledad Canyon Road affected by cumulative pavement wear. Back to index

Land Use

In addition to local land use policies, activities at the Project site are governed by state and federal policies. State regulations governing mining activities at the site include those established by the SMGB as well as those implementing SNIARA. SMARA provides a two tiered process of mineral lands inventory and evaluation termed "classification-designation" that serves as a means of identifying and conserving important mineral resources. In 1987, following a public hearing and environmental review process in which the County participated, the Project site was designated by the state as a "Regionally Significant Construction Aggregate Resource Area." All cities and counties are required to incorporate Regionally Significant designation information into their General Plans. Lead Agencies must adopt statements of policy, recognizing the importance of these identified mineral resources, and they must develop implementation procedures. These procedures may include imposition of conditions upon incompatible land uses in and adjoining designated areas in order to mitigate significant land use conflicts before an agency permits a use that would otherwise be incompatible with mineral extraction. Because the TMC Project site is zoned by the County for heavy manufacturing use, in which mineral extraction is allowed, no potential impacts on land use were identified.

While the County General Plan does specifically identify policies to protect known mineral resource reserves from encroachment of incompatible land uses, the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, as updated (1990), allows for consideration of a mobile home park through approval of a Specific Plan in the Bee Canyon area adjacent to the Project site. A proposal currently before the County involves a mobile home park in Bee Canyon that could result in a use that is considered to be incompatible with the adjacent, designated Regionally Significant minerals on the Federal Contracts area.

Because the Project site has been designated as Regionally Significant for mining since 1987; is zoned by the County for heavy manufacturing use in which mineral extraction is allowed; has been subject to a previous mining operation including a previous County-issued CUP for mining, processing, and stockpiling of aggregate; and is surrounded by

sites zoned either for heavy manufacturing or agricultural use, no significant adverse impacts on adjacent land use by the Project have been identified. If the Bee Canyon mobile home park project goes forward and that site is eventually rezoned to allow for residential development, an incompatible adjacent use would be created; therefore, potential impact on the designated area would be occur through the rezoning. Back to index

Public Health and Safety

Public health and safety issues are minimized because current access to the Project site is limited by terrain and current mining operations. Potential impacts will be eliminated by implementation of the SPCCP, the Mine Safety and Health Act (MSHA), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations, Forest Service BMPs, and all applicable County fire codes. No significant impacts will occur with implementation of the stipulated plans. Back to index

UNAVOIDABLE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACTS

Even after mitigation, residual impacts on two environmental resources will still be considered significant. Impacts on regional air quality caused by dust and emissions from mining activities will remain. Visual impact will be significant, even after reclamation of the site, because of lowering the ridgeline and filling several ravines that are in the viewshed of the Antelope Valley Freeway. Back to index

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Cumulative impacts are the environmental effects that could result from the Project when considering the combined effects from other existing or reasonably foreseeable future projects. CEQA guidelines require a reasonable analysis of impacts that are collectively significant, as well as recommended mitigation measures for the significant cumulative impacts. Many of the mitigation measures focus on general policies; however, TMC's role in implementing mitigations for cumulative impacts is limited to providing mitigation for its own project-specific impacts and adhering to regional plans and procedures.

Regional and local plans and projects incorporated in the cumulative analysis include continuing and planned growth in the area and specific projects planned by other groups. In addition, potential mining of the Project site of up to 7.9 million tons beyond the 56.1 million tons proposed to be mined is included in the cumulative analysis, though it does not constitute a part

of the Project. The primary environmental issues resulting from general growth plans mainly involve the conversion of land from natural open space to developed uses. The cumulative impacts of these projects, including the TMC Project, would affect many environmental resources within the area, potentially including geotechnical issues, water resources, water quality and flood issues, air quality, noise, public services, biota, cultural resources, visual quality, traffic, noise, land use, and public health and safety. The identified mitigation measures for the TMC Project will assist to avoid, reduce, or offset cumulative impacts in the Project area. Back to index

ALTERNATIVES TO PROJECT

CEQA requires an evaluation of the comparative effects of a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed project that would feasibly attain most of the project's basic objectives (CEQA Guidelines, 15126 [d]). A feasible alternative is one that can be accomplished successfully within a reasonable period of time, taking into account economic, legal, social, and technological factors. Where the requirements or objectives of a project are very specific or limited in scope, the feasible alternatives are similarly limited. Furthermore, the range of alternatives is governed by the "rule of reason" that requires the EIR to set forth only those alternatives necessary to permit a reasoned choice. The discussion of alternatives must focus on those alternatives that are capable of avoiding or lessening significant adverse environmental effects that would be caused by a project. Significant effects of the alternative shall be discussed but in less detail than the significant

effects of the project as proposed (CEQA Guidelines, 15126 [d][4]).

The above principles mandate that the range of feasible Project alternatives to be evaluated be determined in relation to the purpose and objectives of the Project that, in this case, are very specific and limited. The purpose and objectives of the TMC Project, as previously defined, are to:

provide a reliable and economically sound source of construction minerals, primarily for the Santa Clarita Valley and greater Los Angeles area, develop construction mineral reserves in the Saugus-Newhall P-C Region in an area designated as a Regionally Significant Construction Aggregate Resource Area by the State of California; develop a source of ready-mixed concrete for the Santa Clarita Valley;

mine the Project site to produce 56.1 million tons of PCC aggregates and provide \$28 million in royalties to the Federal Government, in accordance with the Federal Contracts; and provide for the environmentally sound and economically feasible reclamation of the site.

The following describes the formulation of alternatives including the evaluation of mining sites and selection of the Project site, consideration of alternative mining plans, the detailed analysis of alternative Project components, and the determination of the environmentally superior alternative.

Alternatives Considered but Not Analyzed in Detail

The formulation of alternatives began with a regional search for a mining site that would provide a long-term, economically sound source of PCC aggregates primarily to supply the Los Angeles area. Alternative mining sites were examined as possible sources of sand and gravel prior to selecting the Project site in Soledad Canyon. Consideration of alternative sites was in part based on prior information from the following federal and state reports: (1) South Coast Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (BLM 1992), (2) South Coast Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (BLM 1994), (3) Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area (CDMG 1979), (4) Mineral Land Classification of the Greater Los Angeles Area, Special Report 143 Part VII (CDMG 1983), and (5) Designation of Regionally Significant Construction Aggregate Resources in the Saugus-Newhall and Palmdale Production-Consumption Regions (CDMG 1985). Together, these documents provide broad based regional planning information used to determine the feasibility of developing mining projects on potential alternative sites. The reasons that these sites were not further considered for mining or further analysis in this EIR include inability to obtain permits, excessive distance from the target market, excessive expense, and land use conflicts as further described below.

Western San Bernardino County. Two potential mining sites north of Redlands in western San Bernardino County were determined to be infeasible primarily because of the inability to obtain permits. The sites are located in the Santa Ana River and Plunge Creek floodplains. Barriers to procurement of permits included the presence of state and federal endangered plant species and sensitive wildlife species in the area to be mined, as well as conflicting land uses. The lands are considered unavailable for mineral extraction because they have been designated by the BLM as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (BLM 1992, 1994).

Northern Riverside County. The sites near Corona in northern Riverside County were rejected because the material quality would not provide for the production of PCC aggregates. Additionally, development of the sites would directly impact the endangered Stephens' kangaroo rat. Therefore, these sites would not have provided an economically viable source of PCC aggregate construction materials.

Southern Orange County. Two sites in southern Orange County off the Ortega Highway were rejected as alternatives to the Soledad site because of the questionable quality of the material and the significant distance from the target market. Because the sites are approximately 70 miles from the primary market, they would have high costs resulting from

hauling the aggregate material as well as increased air quality impacts. Development of these sites would result in environmental impacts on sensitive habitats including coastal sage scrub, oak woodlands, wildlife movement corridors, and cultural resources. Additionally, the aggregate reserves in the Orange County Temescal Valley P-C Region are not sufficient to supply the Los Angeles area and its own needs without greatly accelerating the depletion of available reserves (CDMG 1983).

Antelope Valley. A site near Littlerock in Antelope Valley was considered for the Project; however, this site was determined to be infeasible because of the distance from TMC's primary market. The Littlerock site is approximately 65 miles from the Los Angeles area, and this would result in additional costs to haul the material and increased air quality impacts. Other environmental concerns at the site included impacts on Joshua tree woodland and habitat for the state threatened Mohave ground squirrel, the federally listed endangered desert tortoise, Le Conte's thrasher, and the San Diego coast homed lizard.

Ventura County. A site in Moorpark, which TMC ultimately acquired, was considered as an alternative for the Project. However, the Moorpark site has a high proportion of sand (88 percent) in relation to the gravel (12 percent) content of the aggregate material. In contrast, the Soledad Project site contains approximately 70 percent gravel. To meet the Project objectives to supply the greater Los Angeles area market with construction minerals, the Moorpark site could not produce enough gravel without mining excessive amounts of material. An excessively high production level would not result in a reliable and economically viable source of gravel for the Santa Clarita Valley and the greater Los Angeles area. Additionally, development of this site primarily for the Los Angeles market could accelerate depletion of Ventura County aggregate reserves.

Angeles National Forest. A mining site in the Angeles National Forest was considered as an alternative to the Project site but was determined to be infeasible because the material quality was not proven to provide an adequate supply of PCC aggregates. There was also a lack of access to the general area and the site. Creating access to the site would involve cutting a road through forest land with loss of native habitat. Additionally, the site was not offered for mineral lease by the BLM.

Early in the planning phase of the Project, alternative concepts were considered for extracting the construction material and quantifying the amount of material that could reasonably be extracted from the site. In the original mining concept of the Project, feasibility and environmental factors were considered. This analysis is summarized below.

Original Mining Concept. The original mining concept for the Soledad site consists of mining the entire ridge from the top down and removing up to 170 million tons of product versus the 56.1 million tons of product proposed under the current Project. Under the original concept, mining would consist of five phases over 20 years. This alternative would involve mining over three times the amount of product as compared to the Project. Accordingly, impacts on most resources, except land use, are expected to be incrementally greater. Implementation of mitigation measures similar to those proposed for the Project would also reduce impacts on these resources. However, even after mitigation, significant impacts would remain for air quality and visual resources, and an incremental increase in water usage would have resulted. Back to index

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CalMat shuts down it's sand and gravel operation at Lang Station.

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01/21/97 CalMat, the largest sand and gravel company in California, is shutting down it's sand and gravel operations at 14212 Lang Station Road in the Santa Clara River, just south of Agua Dulce. A.E. Smith Company and Dick Lang use the same address and apparently share space with CalMat.

This site, which has been operated under various names, was purchased by Dick Lang and Juan Alonso (shown as the owner of Le Chene) which operated as Lang Station Inc. and as Sweetwater Aggregates. They sold it to CalMat in the late 1980's. CalMat has decided because of lack of need for aggregates in the area to substantially phase back their mining operations. The asphalt plant has been closed and moved to the central valley of California.

The County is required under State law, that after a phase out to have a site restoration plan. This consists of modifying the slopes of the mined area and replant them with natural grass and vegetation.

This particular property is directly South of Curtis Sand and Gravel which is the prominent sand and gravel company seen as you drive by on the freeway. The primary portion of CalMat (Lang) is south of the railroad tracks.

The CalMat site which is being closed, has a right to reopen within a ten year period from 1997.

The original mining permit was obtained by Dick Lang in 1987 and had twenty-five years to operate. It had no EIR as Lang applied for a Negative Declaration claiming that removing 93 acres of gravel would have no effect on the environment and the County agreed.

Interesting, only 10 of the 93 acres have been mined. As they have only used about 9% of the property it would seem that they have twenty-two more years to mine.

Therefore you could argue that neither the proposed new CalMat or new Transit Mix sites needs to be approved for the next twenty years plus time the old CalMat site remains idle.

This would impact the proposed CalMat site, which is south of the freeway on both sides of Agua Dulce Canyon, all the way to Soledad Canyon. It would also impact the proposed Transit Mix site which is south of the freeway and west of Agua Dulce Canyon, all the way to the tunnel on Soledad Canyon.

The proposed new CalMat site would require a substantial need to change its zoning The Transit Mix, site while zoned for mineral extraction, still must show a need - which should not be granted until this site is exhausted.

This decision seems to be good news to the residents of Canyon Country and Agua Dulce because these hills will not be knocked away as sand and gravel sites. However, it is bad news for the Agua Dulce Chamber of Commerce, which includes CalMat as a member and has always been in favor of these strip mining operations.

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Howard Carlip's First response to the Riverside Report

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Note this was delivered in part at the May 8 Town Council meeting with The Water Quality Board. 100 copies were passed out to the community. Lillian Smith refused to print it.

Other Feelings From a Water Committee Member.

Good Evening, I'm Howard Carlip - a member of the Town Council Water Committee, speaking tonight as an individual. There seems to be a number of unanswered questions concerning the UC Riverside report.

The most glaring omissions seem to pop up in Chapter 3. As every one learned in beginning science class in Junior High School (not the school in this town) the only way to prove your data was to compare your test results with non-contaminated or "control" samples. For this study you need "pristine" water.

Although the data is complex and the UC Researchers made a good effort to analyze it through different types of tests, they have not proved their contentions. In Chapter 3-8, they state, under the heading "pristine site, that this final site proved to be most elusive. This site was to planned to represent "pristine" natural conditions in the Sierra Pelona Valley. Because of the long history of agricultural, animal use, and residential uses in the alluvial portions of the valley, they said it was difficult to find an accessible site with sufficient alluvium to make drilling worthwhile." The UC researchers go on to explain that the Air Park was suggested by their Project Manager, and that the area met the requirements as the only pristine site in town".

What chaps my hide is that in the previous paragraph (Drill Site 4) they explain that the "pig farm" site was located "somewhat northeast of the Air Park in an unpopulated valley." Try the phrase: "butting right up to the Air Park property", not somewhere unknown to the North in some mysterious "fog-shrouded" glen.

What is also "fungusing my dock" is the fact that there were members of the Technical Committee from this community who did not disclose to the Riverside group their previous knowledge of the Pig Farm and other animal dump sites upstream from their test areas. These sites were well documented in other past studies in the last 15 years. These advisors concluded that this information about the animal dump sites was not important and that the Air Park area was clean and this would have proved their data, if only they could get permission from the owner of the property. He declined.

Wait! The Tick ain't full yet! Even after the group, using their own tests, discovered the Pig Site, they did not choose to look elsewhere for a pristine site. They chose another

approach, namely rock and soil tests. Of course, they still took rock and soil samples from the area near the Air Park property.

If you look at their charts of the area, you can see that even though they worked in this area for over two years, they could not find one area of land that was uninhabited. Now you must understand, I have only lived in Agua Dulce for a year but by reading their maps I would conclude that the extreme north-east area of the basin would be a good place to start looking. They, however, picked a spot in the North, the Fire station and below a number of residences (DS 2). They could have looked in the south-west near Saddle Peak with the Indian Maiden or in the Davenport area with the other Indian Maiden for a pristine area. No one appears to have checked there. Let's go west, young men and women. We also have an area to the West of the Quail Trail development on Darling Road that is uninhabited except for one guy living in a trailer with his dog. Could he be the one causing all this trouble? A Posse will be formed after the meeting. Please take the womenfolk and children home.

From this I would conclude that the water committee and the UC researchers were misdirected by some members of the community, or else the data was written to fit a preconceived conclusion that only sewers and a water system would fix the problem. Oh, by the way, the state and LA County won't quote us any figures, but looking up estimates in other community projects, we're looking at from \$30,000 to \$100,000 per parcel for sewers. Remember, you have to also add in the costs of the pipes in the side streets and up the driveways on your 2 and a half acres. Plus, you will have higher property tax bills and you'll have a water bill and sewer bill every month.

Paranoia? I think not! After you get the bills and they have put a 30-year lien on your house, try selling it. Look what's happened to Sierra Colony. All of us who own property know how interest adds to your total mortgage. Add a \$100,000 lien on your house and then amortize it. It adds about a \$1,000 a month to the bill.

So what happens? After half the town freaks out, defaults and leaves, our good old neighborhood group - "The Friends of the Coal Miner's Daughter" - will come into town and offer to the remaining residents that if they scrap the Community Standards District, and re-zone to less than 1 acre, everyone left will be able to keep their homes. Here comes Condo's, bye bye horseys. Remember, the San Fernando Valley used to have lots of horses, but not any more. That's why we moved here to Agua Dulce.

Wait! That's nothing! Here comes the really scary part! The Sand and Gravel interests, who by their own admission have spent \$250,000 on lobbyists in Agua Dulce, have their own plans for this town of ours. The Town Council has received a copy of the CalMat Surface Mining project application where CalMat proposes to process rock and gravel from 1,950 acres the straddles Agua Dulce Canyon Road north of Soledad Canyon. They need from 800 to 1,000 gallons of water per minute, 24 hours a day for 30 years, for their operation. They admit that they have insufficient water on their site and can only pump about 350-400 gals/min from the site. They can't get a water extraction permit from the State to pump from the Santa Clara River. So, where else can they make up the water? Their application provides the answer: the proposed Agua Dulce Regional Sewer Disposal Plant.

Also they will be blasting up to 16 hours a day for 30 years. Then (330 trucks X 2 trips - in and out) 600 trucks will run up the newly widened Agua Dulce Canyon Road 24 hours a day, and there will be lights all night long. Top this off by noting that this occurring in a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) as designated by LA county. If you think Agua Dulce is dusty now, try breathing all the dust later. The 4th of July will be very boring 365 days a year. Look it up if you want, I didn't make it up. After 184 million tons of mountain are removed, this will leave 78.5 million tons of "fines" left at the site. (Visualize a sheet of

Drywall-solid calcium carbonate- and Talcum powder - powdered calcium carbonate! Which do you think will dissolve faster in water?)

Where's the Beef? What CalMat has failed to mention in their application is that when they water this sand and gravel to keep the dust down, they will be releasing all of the nitrates trapped in the rock into the Santa Clara river. Then they intend to take these 78.5 million tons of fines and compact it into a development site for low-cost housing. Then I guess we'll get that new high school we keep hearing about. Now wait! What do I tell my little girls. Are Red Bandana's for the crips or for the bloods? Or are the Skin heads racist this week or do they just want to see what they'll look like in 50 years?

By the way, the Chamber of Commerce (Dick Lang) had chosen for the new high school site, the old SOS dump site, which is now recognized as a toxic waste site by the Federal EPA. Even if he got it for us free he would have overpaid

Back to the UC Report. The researchers tried a new test - isotopes - as a means of identifying different types of nitrates. Then they use this test to prove what nitrate types are in the water. Sounds good to me! They base most of their case on these isotopes in order to prove that septic tanks cause the water contamination. But if you read further (5-15) you see that something is starting to smell funny. QUOTE: "Because of the complex array of chemical and physical processes in which nitrogen participates, isotope "fingerprints" are rarely well defined, instead appearing as a range of composites described best by a statistical probability." Now you know where the expression "I'll bet the house on it" comes from. I bet that new fangled isotope reading machine weren't cheap, by doggie!

Back to the Pig Farm. I hope you liked the Slide Show! OK! I see them coming around the mountain - here they come. It's the Riverside students and they finally discovered the pig farm. Here's what they have to say about their tests there: "these values fall clearly within the range of sewage/manure nitrate concentrations at this site appear high at the surface, decrease markedly with increasing depth to about 17 feet, below which it again increases markedly."

Boy, you city folks slay me. Only you could stand in a pig farm 10 acres wide, up to your elbows, and say it smells like human waste. Ah, that country air!

The congregation will now turn in your prayer books to chapter 5-25 and join with me in song. Oh my god, the tax payers spent \$230,009.00 that should have gone to schools and hospitals on this study - they overpaid by \$230,000.00. Can I get an amen! Lord, have mercy!

Since I am a professional farmer with a decent grasp of soil chemistry and science, I had my well tested before I moved here. The lab found that there was a super high concentration of chlorine naturally occurring in the water. In LA City they have to add chlorine to their water to get their water to 40 parts per million, mine came in at 80 parts per million. These chorines keep our water tanks clean and the water tasty. This might also explain why no one gets sick in Agua Dulce from drinking the nasty, dirty water.

I heard a rumor that you guys on the water board thought we were drinking bottled water so we wouldn't be poisoned? True?

My lab also reported my water had a high level of calcium "which my body needs anyway."

A side note: it would be preferable if in the future half of all the water tests are taken from

pristine sites, not from rock and soil tests that contain clay and other junk in the adobe cement that we call topsoil. Then we would be dealing with science fact, not science fiction.

I want to mention that a lot of people contributed to my talk tonight, too many to mention. Well, OK, I will! Thanks to Linda Kirk who kept saying "We don't have a problem." It's that damned report." Thanks to Peg Spry and Tana Lampton, my favorite Gal-Pal - the keeper of the Vasquez Rocks. By the way, the Vasquez Rocks wells are at the legal top levels of nitrates. So I don't think they'll be adding that museum, equestrian center, library and basketball courts and plenty of parking and free Rock Art for the Kiddies at the Park. These are all good projects, but they're going to have to put them somewhere else. I have always thought that the runway made a totally bitchin' skate board ramp, dude. Hey, I just solved another problem. Now they can sell the Airpark to the Chamber of Commerce. Dick Lang, are you listening? Finder's fee! Thanks also to Jack and Mary Wyle who are our couple of the year. Thanks also to the man you love to pick on - Charles Brink. Say what you want about his personal antics, but when he sticks to the facts, there is none sharper or more dedicated to preserving our rural lifestyle. He's undoubtedly one of the smartest people I have ever met, "and I've been with the professors, and they all liked my looks" - Bob Dylan. Oh, and by the way, I wrote this report myself; I'm not someone's puppet or a paid lobbyist.

When I moved to Agua Dulce, I heard a lot of stories about almost everyone in this room, and I didn't know what to believe. But believe this, the people you're hearing tonight are the people who do all of the work to preserve this town from the outsiders and the greedy. Thanks to the Water Committee and to the Town Council, the only mechanism for true representation.

Disclaimer: If the TAC committee finds errors in my data, it's to be expected. They've had 3 years for their report. I did this in 6 days and tomorrow I'll rest.

Now Class, the chemistry section. Bored yet? Need to go to the lavatory! You can't! You'll pollute our water.

Closed volcanic basins - like the Sierra Pelona Drainage Basin - are known to contain evaporates which contain Sal Ammoniac and Soda Niter. (Seward Engineering Geology Report, 5/15/89) Sal ammonia or ammonium chloride contains 66 % chlorine and 26 % nitrogen. It is soluble in water and hygroscopic - which means it pulls water out of the air and bonds with the surface crystals to make a soft paste. This paste doesn't dry out in desert climates. It will stay relatively fresh in wet crystal form rather than drying out and solidifying into a rock - making it non-soluble. It is also described as strongly endothermic which means it is formed with the absorption of heat. That means that there will always be a new source of nitrates being constantly formed by natural chemical activity every summer, just so that it will wash out into our water table every time we have a big rain. Ah Ha! We have found the source of the naturally occurring nitrates. Yes, that elusive butterfly in the report, although they seem to think that it makes up possibly 50 % of our nitrate situation.

Now add the other element occurring in volcanic rock. Soda Niter or Sodium Nitrate (NNaO_3) N 16.5%, Na 27%. It is described as deliquescent powder or granules, which means it undergoes gradual dissolution and liquification by the attraction and absorption of moisture from the air (Merck Index). It too is very soluble in water.

Now add these two elements together and a lot of cloud bursts, quickly moving running water off the hills and you've got high level liquid nitrates instantly. Don't believe me! The entire Riverside Report analysis and conclusion is based on the winter of 1992/1993 rains, as proof that nitrate levels are constantly going up and we need sewers and pipes. They took these tests after a 50 year rain (4-7). The UC researchers completely ignored the

published data from the past 30 years showing that the levels of nitrates on average are not rising . So why is everyone crying that the sky is falling?

Many of us in the community will volunteer to have our wells tested again and have the results compiled with the help of the Town Council and the Water Committee. Of course, that's after we weed out those who work for the Mining companies. Surprised! I'm not! They're all here tonight!

The water committee spent months looking at different data and compiling ideas and suggestions from the community for mitigation efforts. These ideas ran the gamut from wishy-washy to well-thought out suggestions. We can't place all of the blame on the state, the county and the university, because we are responsible, too. We have some solid, creative ideas for our problems. For instance, we have contacted an organic grower's cooperative in Fillmore that starts out needing 6,000 tons of horse manure a year. From there they will spread across the Fillmore, Santa Paula and Santa Barbara areas soon taking not only Agua Dulce's output, but Acton's and others too! Horse manure will replace chemical fertilizers that really pollute the water. We are also exploring a new septic tank design for future construction, and the possibility that biological enzymes will be available soon to breakdown nitrates. We'll need some help getting the proper authorities to have the animal dump sites cleaned up and government enforcement of existing codes.

These are the sort of projects that we would like to work with the State and the County on. These ideas will be our future, unless our government has already decided that we need to sewer and water pipe the whole United States. We are the first test case town. We don't want to lose our homes. There are a lot of people waiting in the wings hoping we'll stumble on this. They'll even try to force the issue. Watch our town and see what we can achieve positively. Please work with the water committee and the Town Council to find a solution that all of us can live with.

I'm Howard Carlip - Orchid Grower - and I'll be running for Town Council this November. Yes, there will still be a Town Council in November. Thank you!

Thank you.
Howard Carlip

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Howard Carlip's 3rd response to the Riverside Report.

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This Is Positively My Final Comment On The UCR Report On Nitrite Sources In Agua Dulce!

By Howard Carlip © 8-13-96

This report uses the data from the Riverside report to prove the final conclusion of the Riverside report - "That humans are the primary source of nitrates in Agua Dulce" is completely false and unsupported by any data in the UCR.

These are a few of my favorite things:

1. Geology

The Riverside report should have reached different conclusions. This is why they did not. Their theory that the area with the highest concentration starts at the downtown area at the north and goes south to Vasquez Rocks just is not true because they've only tested seven wells. These wells, 6S at 26.9, 3H at 15.0 ppm, 4G at 10.9 ppm, 3J at 19.2 ppm, 1C at 29.1 ppm, 6F at 26.9 ppm, and 3I at 24.7 ppm, are very low in nitrates and it would be impossible to condemn this area based on this information. What they did instead was take the measurements at well 4-Y and Drill Site-1 (Exhibit A) and conclude that the populated business center of town contaminated the Vasquez Rocks site, across the street from the meadow. These two test sites are high in nitrates, but here's the reason why. This well tested at 33.7 ppm on 6/18/92, 40.6 ppm on 8/31/92, then moved up to 51.2 ppm in March 1993 after the 50 year rain. This is to be expected, except it really jumped up on 9/23/93 to 90.7 ppm. This is most peculiar because it is one of the few wells that went up in September, because most of the other wells settled down by then. This source is not from the fifty year rain.

The soil core sample showed 1845 mg/L one foot deep, 374mg/L two feet deep, 63 mg/L

three feet deep. This does not point to groundwater contamination from septics. This surface contamination would very well show fertilizer activity. I called the people living there and they confirmed that it was a permanent naturalized alfalfa pasture going back along time, ending around 1990. This would prove naturally occurring nitrates, especially because of the Nitrate Fixing Bacteria present in the roots of alfalfa and other legume crops. In other words, farmers plant these types of plants to add massive amounts of nitrates to the soil for future crops. This would show up as organic soil nitrates and even though their isotope testing proved this (+3 to +6), UCR still concluded it was from septics.

The Riverside report shows the pattern of high nitrates on the top soil gradually decreasing at ten feet, then increasing again the next 5 to 10 feet, where it stops and collects at the basement rock. Three drill sites at this property proves this.

They had three core samples drilled close to each other on the property, one near septic lines, one away from septic lines and the third across the yard from septic lines (1-0, 1-1, 1-2). What is surprising from the results is that they had two distinctly different kinds of isotope levels in the same yard. One fell into the +3 to +5 range which could be from fertilizer and soil, or rock and soil. The other was +4 to +6 which would be more towards organic soil nitrates with some small quantities from fertilizer or rock. As the drilling gets deeper, it tends to go toward the lighter isotopes, heading toward less human influence. It is still an unknown, unproved source according to the isotope chart (Fig. 5-10 p. 5-14), because the three categories overlap so closely. What is missing from their conclusion is that none of the heavier isotope trends (animal and septic) are present, which would be anything from +8 to +30. They still conclude it's from septics only.

What is also completely missing, and this is very important, is the fact that the theory of downtown business contamination was not questioned by one important member of the Riverside TAC. Jack Petralia is in charge of Public Wells. A Public Well is defined as a well used by more than 25 people in a 90 day period, or a restaurant.

Since these wells are monitored by law, four times a year, special attention is paid to the results. After visiting with Cathy Goldsberry at the Valencia County Health Office, she stated that out of the dozen or so public wells in Agua Dulce none went over the 45 mg/L mark. All were safe and legal.

These are five of the largest public wells in the area, going from the north at Darling Road to Vasquez Park in the south. They are all low testing wells and the County knows this! Also, the two wells tested directly north from DS1 tested at 24 and 19 ppm, only. How the TAC could conclude that there is a health problem with nitrate contamination seems to point out only one thing: Mr. Petralia has stated publicly to us that he strongly feels that the only solution for Agua Dulce and all other communities is a public sewer system.

In a 1989 Santa Clarita Infrastructure Report, the LA County Health Department said that even though the area could operate on septics at maximum build out, they still want regional sewer systems.

For years we have pointed out to his office the problems we have been having with people dumping sewage directly into the groundwater and illegal trailers with no septic hook-ups. His reply was that he had never heard about our previous complaints and that this was the first time he knew about a certain problem that we brought to his attention four years ago. This was not true because we have on file copies of all the correspondence sent. He also said that monitoring and mitigation will not work in Agua Dulce because he has neither the money nor the manpower to enforce even existing laws. I am sorry, but this excuse is not good enough! This is why we are contacting the State Representatives to have the County enforce the laws that they already have on their books. They had no problem spending one

quarter of a million dollars on the Riverside study, and that report did nothing to solve the real problems of Agua Dulce nitrates!

I refuse to shell out \$100,000.00 of my money because the government is lazy! They will require every homeowner to spend about that much for sewers and water.

The only fair solution is to rigorously monitor wells. Fifty or sixty wells is not enough. 200 would probably be a good start, and after one year of quality testing we could isolate the real problem areas and solve the source of the problems. I guarantee that after our town spends \$100,000,000.00 on this unnecessary sewage treatment plant, the pig farms will still be polluting the groundwater at the rate of 2,138 ppm two feet deep, going all the way to the basement of 38 feet at 1,197 ppm (B 2-8 site 4). This occurs in a 10 acre area!

We have located the plume areas downstream at all of the hazardous animal waste sites on our map. Even the Riverside report shows that the hot spots are similar to the Ch1M-Hill report eight years earlier, even though they bent over backwards to ignore the pig farm site and no testing was done anywhere in the blueline stream. We, however, see no plume patterns anywhere in the UCR report (Exhibit B) because they did not test in the CH2M-Hill plume areas. They still refer to the plumes even though none are shown on their maps.

This next information is crucial! Looking at 4-34-2, the quotation is: "Inorganic NO₃ N from Vasquez source rocks could conceivably be leached directly into percolating-groundwaters." On the next page, 4-35, is table 4-Y with the soil and rock sample taken of "Tertiary Vasquez Formation (Red Sandstone)". It has the nitrate measurement of 797 ppm! "Nitrate-Nitrogen concentrations in sedimentary rocks ranged from 0.8 mg/kg (3.6 ppm) to 177 mg/kg (797 ppm), with the high concentrations found in the more iron rich, red samples." (4-27).

Maybe the Riverside group did not want to include this fact in a chapter called "Sources of Naturally Occurring Nitrates" because they feared that the government would want to bulldoze down Vasquez Rocks!

Or maybe you could conclude that the Riverside group did not know how to test for naturally occurring nitrates.

After all, it is a difficult subject to pinpoint. It seems that even the isotope testing that they did could not really differentiate between the different types of nitrates. They even conclude that 50% of the nitrates found in their testing were unidentifiable. They did not even speculate that these could be naturally occurring nitrates from the volcanic basin.

They just could not commit to the possibility.

Lanny Lund is one of the authors of a 1980 paper (Exhibit C) entitled "Geologic Nitrogen: A Potential Geo-chemical Hazard In The San Joaquin Valley, CA. This paper discusses that in the middle of farm country (where agribusiness basically dumps all the chemical fertilizer it wants) the authors, including Lund, try to prove that the nitrate source is from native rocks and soils only, to the tune of 2000 ppm, none from fertilizer. They go into great detail in their geology and stratigraphy theory showing ten layers of earth, during six prehistoric time sections, to absolutely prove what is going on down there. They dug deep enough to find a T. Rex there, but could not find the extinct volcanoes in Agua Dulce. They also do a complete geological breakdown on nine types of soils that occur in that area. They even give the pathways in which ammonium components breakdown into nitrates from the different types of rocks. If you had asked them, they would say that the same ammonium compounds probably do not break down the same way here, but they do. This is one of the sources of the of nitrates in Agua Dulce's ground water!

I would bet that if we were an agri-business town and could pay the big bucks, we too might get a different kind of report!

I will tell you this, they did not use any of these theories or types of chemical tests in our report! Maybe Professor Lund forgot how to, thirteen years later.

Enclosed is the geologic map of the entire area showing the true locations of the nitrate bearing volcanic rock. This map, prepared by our Engineering Geologist Allan E. Seward, was taken from the 1958 study by Muehlberger, (Exhibit D). and the 1961 and 1996 Dibblee Studies (Exhibit E). The Riverside map is not even close to being similar, even though they claim that they used the same study on page 2-32. They completely redrew it! (Exhibit F).

The correct map shows that the entire area 1 mile south of Sierra Highway down to Soledad Canyon Road contains volcanic high nitrate rock. They modified their map to show only a sliver of an area containing Vasquez Volcanics occurring only at Vasquez Rocks. Even this sliver area does not contribute to their conclusions that Volcanic Nitrates (797 ppm) do not contribute to site 1 contamination.

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2. Land Ho!

"Samples from the 'abandoned pig farm' site 4 show universally heavy isotopic compositions as well as high nitrate concentrations, perhaps indicating a significant continued presence of manure derived nitrates in the soil column". (4-36-1). (Ya Think?)

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3. Chlorides

The fifth chapter illustrates a beautiful point source of contaminated data!

This gives clear cut proof that the testing data is fixed to give a different conclusion than one would reach, based on early claims to back up the argument. This is the "Riverside New-Speak" that I will now explain.

We will first start with a scientific position, one that would work backwards and forwards. For example: Septic systems contain human waste materials that have high levels of chlorides. If you find high levels of chlorides in the well tests, you can conclude that it might be caused by humans (or, of course, animals or rocks in different examples).

That should work out just fine, but it does not. In chapter 5-9-5 (Part 3) it states, (1) "A cluster of moderately high to high nitrate groundwater wells producing from... the Agua Dulce Town Center. In this region, enrichment in nitrates appear roughly correlated with enrichment in chloride, a feature expected from contamination by waste materials such as manure and sewage."

So far, so good. (2) Go back one paragraph to 5-9-4 (Part 2), "A cluster of high nitrate wells in the region of the fire station. These waters are otherwise very low in dissolved constituents, indicating that the NO₃-N rich contaminant source is low in other soluble constituents, including both chloride and sulfate." No, that does not indicate that the contaminant source is low in chlorides, it indicates that the nitrate source is not from septs, which is what they should be concluding, but they purposely do not. (3) They then cover their butts with a disclaimer: 5-1-1 which states, "The fire station wells produce waters having very low concentrations of both chloride and sulfate and high NO₃-N. It is quite possible that other regionally distinctive chemical sub-groups could be isolated and mixing/flow patterns detailed." They, of course do not look for anything else. This now raises many doubts as to their ability to research and process data.

So if you read it in my order you get: 1) chlorides in wells means human contamination, but 2) we have wells with high nitrates but no chlorides, meaning we are not sure of the nitrate source, so 3) it's very possible that these nitrates are from completely other sources. It makes sense.

Now let's read it the way they wrote it. 1) There are other chemicals that occur in this area bringing in high nitrates. 2) We conclude that there are high nitrates with low chlorides in this area. 3) Since another area has high nitrates and high chlorides, we conclude that all the areas of contamination must be from manure and sewage. Now you see it, now you don't! Then on page 5-11 they conclude that during heavy rains, nitrates and chlorides went up in some wells, proving their point. They do not give an explanation for the rest of the wells which did not go up.

They now conclude that they can prove that the downtown area is polluted from human sewage with the simple test for chlorides. Even though they gave up on proving why chlorides are not present at the fire station area, they are still "Gung-Ho" on the business center area. They are lying.

Our survey says - fire station wells test for chlorides at : 6-K at 40.3 ppm, 3-E at 28.3 ppm, 2-X at 31.1 ppm, 4-O at 30.2 ppm, 3-C at 29.4 ppm, 5-S at 27.3 ppm, and 5-T at 18.8 ppm.

Our business district wells test at: 5-C at 72.9 ppm, 6-F at 45.5 ppm, 6-S at 30.5 ppm, 3-H at 61.3 ppm, 4-G at 45.4 ppm, 3-J at 40.8 ppm, and 3-I at 52.5 ppm. Why would they say that they are high at DS-1, but low at the fire station. The levels are very similar.

At 4-Y the first test was 59.8 ppm, then it spiked in 9/93 to 124.4 ppm, showing the same peculiar spike in September that was present in the nitrate test. It's the same well that was unique in going up in nitrates in September rather than down. Of course, calcium, sulfur, magnesium, sodium, TDS, and EC went up too. The chloride tests at the business area do not show a complete difference in style and make-up from the fire station, only the two wells 5-C at 126.3 ppm and 4-Y at 124.4 ppm went up a lot (+ 85 ppm and +60 ppm). The wells directly north and up stream from them did not jump radically. 6-S not tested in 9/93, 3-H went up 20 ppm, 4-G not tested, 3-J went down 7 ppm, and 3-I went up 14 ppm. This does not prove the source is from the business center, it only proves a point source area that should be tested and examined further.

If you want to see a "Distinctive Chloride Difference", look at wells 1-B at 159.6 ppm (outside the basin, but included in the averages!), 1-H at 120.3 ppm, 1-K at 113.2 ppm, 1-P at 102.8 ppm, 1-Q at 103.5 ppm, 1-T at 292.8 ppm, 1-Z at 133.9 ppm and 132.5 ppm, 2-A at 133.6 ppm, 2-F at 147.4 ppm, 2-N at 150.6 ppm, and of course, the grand champion, 3-B at 450.2 ppm on Davenport Rd. There are others: 3-M at 150.4 ppm, 4-C at 212.9 ppm, 6-O at 279.6 ppm (not on map), 7-A at 135.6 ppm (small pig farm), 7-I at 169.9 ppm (not on

map), 9-A at 155.6 ppm (not on map), and 9-B at 154.9 ppm (not on map).

Here are some other funny wells. These well tests are for chlorides: 1-H at 120.3 ppm, 5-A at 85.4 ppm, 5-Z at 71.0 ppm, 6-B at 21.8 ppm, 6-J at 105.9 ppm, 1-U at 31.7 ppm, 5-W at 42.7 ppm, 3-U at 52.8 ppm, and 4-X at 75.0 ppm. The odd part is that they are much higher than the business center wells. These are to the east, one block from Agua Dulce Canyon Road. What makes this really important is that they all are in the blueline stream, down stream from the airport and the pig farm. This is the same plume shown in the second part of my report on the nitrate plume from the 1988 CH2M-Hill map.

Wells 2-T at 17.2 ppm, 2-Z at 17.6 ppm, 6-V at 52.6 ppm, 3-Z at 36.4 ppm, are directly east, one block from the last tests in the previous paragraph and they are much lower. These are not in the blueline stream. The high levels of chlorides around DS-1 are from the pig farm and not the business center.

While you are looking at the map sites around 4-Y, you can now see that compared with the 1988 CH2M-Hill report the entire stream is missing! No one tested there. What they would like you to believe is that they asked to test at the airport property, were refused, and gave up looking. What is missing is the entire street called Tyndall Road going south from the airport runway, an area with probably 20 homes. No one asked to test wells there. That might prove the downstream plume from the pig farm. That's why I believe that they ignored this area, because of the previous knowledge of the data from CH2M-Hill!

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4. Sodium

This chapter will prove that two more components tested by Riverside were misused in their conclusions. We will start with sodium. Remember, their claim about chloride contamination as proof of animal and human contributions is only half true. They left out the other important half of the chloride compound in humans and animals. The only way chlorides will get into the groundwater is through salt (sodium chloride) Cl 60.7, Na 39.3. The ratio is 60/40 which means if you have 60 ppm chloride, you will have to have 40 ppm sodium.

If you look at the wells tested at DS-1 (well 4-Y), the chloride levels average out to 79.5 ppm and the sodium levels are at 49 ppm. This is almost 60/40. This is to be expected because this well is 20 feet away from a cow pen and this was discussed as having a high nitrate source from animals. So far, so good.

Let's look at some odd wells. 1-I in 8/92, the nitrate level was 2.5 ppm. The chloride level was 17.2 ppm, but the sodium level was 89.5 ppm. This is not 60/40, but it shows a different sodium source. They gave no explanation. This well is one of the over 90 ppm nitrate wells, so I used this as an example.

In March, after the big rain, the nitrates jumped up to 151.1 ppm. The chloride went to 59.7 ppm, but the sodium went down to 45.7 ppm. Now the ratio between chlorides and sodium is 60/40.

Six months later, the nitrates went down to 52.9 ppm, the chlorides went down to 27.5 ppm, and the sodium went up to 47.6 ppm. The sodium source is independent of chlorides, so this is not sodium from septic sources.

Another odd well is 1-T which is south of Escondido on Agua Dulce Highway. It had, in March, 18.9 ppm nitrates, 292.8 ppm chlorides and 57.4 ppm sodium. No, I do not think they drained a swimming pool. They also had a high sulfur level of 113.7 ppm.


Well 1-U, in 9/93, had 17.7 ppm nitrates, 31.7 ppm chlorides and 144.6 ppm sodium. This was not from septics.

Well 1-Y had 2.4 ppm nitrates on 8/92, 30.5 ppm chlorides and a whopping 323.1 ppm sodium.

As usual, the Riverside gang did not do any chemistry studies on sources of other elements, they did not even do sources of nitrates.

Now, here are some high chloride, low sodium wells. 3-B tested 9/93 had 84.5 ppm nitrates, 450.2 ppm chlorides, and 102.6 ppm sodium. That's not 60/40. The fire station well was tested 20 times, and I hope that was taken out of the averages. They had, on average, 64.9 ppm nitrates, 29.4 ppm chlorides and 30.5 ppm sodium. Also, there was one more well, 6-O, in 3/93, with less than 0.5 ppm nitrates, 279.6 ppm chlorides and 86 ppm sodium.

The report discussed the fact that certain areas had high nitrates and low chlorides. What they did not conclude is that if septics are truly the source of nitrate contamination, then all wells would have sodium chloride at minimum levels everywhere, and they would be close to the 60/40 ratio. Otherwise, chlorides are not strictly an indicator of septic contamination.

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5. Surfactant

(The Government Denies Knowledge)

This is the real cloak and dagger chapter. It seems that every time I talk on the phone to anyone in the detergent industry, I get the exact same explanation. I do not mean the same answer to the same question. It means that I got the same answer to every question. What is even more weird is that I get the exact same answer from other companies.

The phone call will start out like this. First, I will describe my situation. This is a town with septic systems, not a city with a waste treatment plant. I ask them how long it takes for surfactants to break down in a septic system. You have to remember that in a treatment plant they add chemicals like ferric chloride (which strips the copper from electronic circuit boards, it's that strong!) and others to break down sewage. In septics you just have bacteria to do the job.

All of the written data from all of the books I could get my hands on describe how surfactants break down after two days in a sewage treatment plant. Of course, everything else does, too. What is not described is the life span of these chemicals in a septic system.

After talking to the experts, they seem to believe that it takes longer here to break down, therefore that's why they can test for them. That's also why their tests do find them. It basically proves septic contamination of the groundwater. Usually it's in a situation where the leach field is too close to the well or the water table has risen too high. That's why they test with the MBAS test. It's very accurate and it is a good indicator of human

contamination.

What I get on the phone, in discussions with these experts, is that it would take probably 30 days or longer in septic systems for surfactants to completely break down, if the product has anionic or nonionic surfactants.

If they contain cationic surfactants, they are harder to break down. Also, on the long chain branching types, the comment made to me was that these kinds do not break down at all! Of course, then they say that they stopped manufacturing them 15 years ago.

Would my 20 year old septic system produce 15 year old soap that would have contaminated the ground water with measurable levels of the old type of surfactants that could still be traceable today?

I do know that if I dumped ammonium persulfate over at the Space Ordinance Systems plant in town, that that's still measurable today, after closing down 12 years ago! As no ground water was tested, this area must be tested in the future. There should be ammonium there!

What now proves my point on the subject of surfactants is that the textbooks state that the three types of surfactants presently used can be made with the following derivatives: phosphates, potassium salts, or in the case of cationic types, quaternary ammonia.

I am going to say this one more time: None were found in any wells tested in Agua Dulce! Now did I finally make my point, or do you want me to write another 30 pages for you to sit through?


It's very clear that UCR is not being straight with the state of California, or with our town.

I tried very hard to get something in writing to show an honest timetable of surfactant biodegradation in septs. After talking on the phone and getting mysterious comments, I ask these experts to send a letter stating these time estimations of 30 days. They agreed, but then they sent a different type of letter.

They all start with: "After talking to the manufacturer, they state that every one of their products are completely biodegradable and pose no problem to the environment". Also, "our suppliers have extensive experience with these chemicals and groundwater contamination has never been found in any area, soil type, or use pattern". (This is a recording!)

We all know that this is a lie and they should all have their mouths washed out with soap! As stated in my report (#2) dated 6/13/96, I discussed that even after going through the water treatment plant, the AVEK delivered water from up north had detectable levels of surfactants (Exhibit G). That means that: 1- They do not break down in water. 2- There had to be an awful lot of them to be that measurable, especially after that much dilution!, 3- The detergent industry will not disclose the facts on these products. I called the LA Department of Water and Power and asked them where the possible contamination of delivered water from the Aqueduct could come from. They said that they did not know.

Maybe the California Regional Water Quality Control Board should worry about this real situation of groundwater pollution! I volunteer to assist in reading the next report that they have UCR write, and I guarantee it will be a doozie! I saw some graffiti on the wall at the Canyon Market the other day. It said "Why is the water so bitch'in in Agua Dulce? -- Its 'cause we don't Surf Acton!". Those crazy teenagers, I guess they read my paper too!

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6. CalMat


I've enclosed the Cal Mat strip mining application (pg. 9) (Exhibit H) showing their geology description, and they have pointed out the names of the two types of rock formations that they will be mining. They will take out, in a 30 year period, 184 million tons of gravel, leaving 73.5 million tons of Fines. This was discussed in my first paper on 5/8/96.

The first type is the "Vasquez Formation", which of course, Riverside documented. They described the "Red Sandstone" rocks containing approximately 800 ppm nitrates.

The "Mint Canyon" area is known to contain the same nitrate bearing rocks. The fines will be compacted and watered down. This will pollute the entire Santa Clara River with toxic levels of nitrates. This mess will effect over 100,000 water drinkers, all the way to Ventura.

On 7-2 under the sub heading sources of contamination it states "Red iron oxide cemented sandstone and conglomerates of the Vasquez and Tick Canyon formations have been shown to contain significant, even large quantities of nitrates. This nitrate appears to be easily leached and could serve as a natural inorganic nitrate source."

If I have to, I will send each of them a copy of this report!

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7. My all time favorite quote

Chapter 4-34-2: "The data from nitrate and ammonia analysis in rock and soil cores indicates an isotopic range similar to that observed in the groundwater samples (From -3 to +15 ‰) and [sic-Ed.] spanning the ranges of 'inorganic', 'soil', and 'septic manure' sources " (See figure 5-10).

As accurate as their isotope testing is supposed to be, it still cannot tell the difference between nitrate from rocks and nitrate from humans and pigs! It's all over the chart (Exhibit I) from the very top to the very bottom. It covers every category!

Yet, they conclude everywhere that Agua Dulce's nitrate problem is caused by septics only, not the pig farms and not by approximately 26 square miles of above ground and even more underground uncharted (Allen Seward, P.2-3) volcanic nitrate rock!

Like I've said all along, even at my very first water committee meeting, "Excellent data, totally bogus conclusions, Dude!"

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8. Isotopes

This chapter is really about drill sites. In the isotope chapter (5) the discussion turns to soil core drilling. This raises the following questions:

"(5-15-3) Septic system wastes (+6 to + 15%), on the other hand, are not exposed and thus not affected as greatly by ammonia volatilization." This means they do not evaporate. Why does UCR's transport theory say that ammonia gas will travel more than 4 feet up through solid, dry soil, but 25" of heavy rain, will not go through the same 4 feet. This is not scientific fact at all! Their transport modeling theory is made up!

There was no ammonia in wells, again. This whole report is based on septic contamination of groundwater. No evidence was found!

In chart 5-10, page 5-14 and 5-15, septic isotopic levels are from +2 to +25 on average, with a weird spike from -8 to +30. This spans the entire chart.

What is also wrong with the isotope testing, besides what was previously stated about the unreliability of the tests (described best "as a statistical probability"), is the fact that on 5-23, figure 5-16, the pig farm's drill site #4 measurements only go between +7 to +15. This range could also be from soil nitrates as shown again in chart 5-10, page 5-14.

They even explain the possibility on 5-27-3 that it is partially from "soil nitrates". Now they finally discuss other naturally occurring nitrate sources. Too bad it's still a pig farm, 38 feet deep.

Looking at figure 5-15, page 5-22, (Exhibit J) on the four small drill sites, the most nitrates occur in the +4 to +6 range, at around the level of 350 ppm to 425 ppm. These two areas are drill site #1 and #3.

I drove over to these two sites (their location is only shown in the appendix). Drill site #1 is located two houses north of the meadow at Vasquez Rocks Park.

They conclude on 5-26-2 that out of the 3 drill tests done at this property, the one marked 1.0 is higher in nitrates because of it's close proximity to the leach lines. They of course do not explain why the nitrate level is 1845 ppm only in the first foot of soil (which means it is not from septics, as leach lines are at least four feet deep). Then it gradually reduces at 10 feet and picks up again to 200 ppm at the basement of 17 feet. What is shown in chart 5-16, page 5-23, is that the isotopic range is only +3 to +6 which would only be from soil nitrate sources. They claim it is from the septic leach lines, even though the isotopic levels never went over +6. Septic levels start at +7 and go to +30. This is obviously not from human contamination.

I spoke to the owner on 7/24/96, who said that after the first drilling the Riverside group remarked that they did not find the levels that they needed, so they had to drill again. They made a total of five drill sites on the property. One particular drill site was on the north side of the property just ten feet south of his well. He asked them to drill there because of the problem he was having with increased nitrates in this well. They usually tested around 21 ppm, but since his immediate neighbor to the north put in a pen approximately 100' X 100', with 20 cows, twenty feet from his well, his nitrate levels mysteriously increased from 33 ppm to over 45 ppm, and then to around 90 ppm within a year and a half.

He was concerned with the nitrate level of his well, as is everybody else up here. The Riverside testers were well aware of the cows standing there, but they vanished completely out of the report again. (This is getting a little old by now? Did they really think we were a

bunch of dumb hicks who would not notice any of this garbage going on? Well, I did, Pilgrim! So did a lot of other folks up here.)

Now let's see what the TAC concluded. On page 4-16-4, they just plain lied, there is no other way to put it. "The NO 3-N concentrations at depths greater than 5 feet were highest near the septic line (Hole # 1.0), and were very low at # 1.2, which was across the yard from the septic line."

When I look at the chart (B-2-1), I see site #1.0 to be at 1845 ppm in the first foot, 37 ppm at two feet, 108 ppm at four feet, 95 ppm at five feet. This is not caused by septic contamination. The nitrate concentrations were not the highest directly under the septic lines at four feet. They were highest above the leach lines.

They were lowest under the leach lines at 4' to 10' at ranges from 59 ppm to 108 ppm. After 10' they increase from 86 ppm to 284 ppm at the 10'-12' range, then decrease at 13' to 17' feet from 261 ppm to 198 ppm.

Now let's take the fact that this house is now the perfect area in the entire town for the alluvium because of it's "relatively high permeability and porosity". In areas where great thickness of these units are present, rain and run-off can be expected to naturally recharge the groundwater table, and provide a relatively efficient storage and a "productive aquifer (2-7-4)".

So, what this means is that the nitrates are lowered under the leach lines because septic are not contributing to the higher nitrogen levels. This proves the exact opposite of Riverside's transport mechanism theory in the modeling chapters.

Since this is the most porous site (this house), and they chose to drill in a lawn area, anyone could conclude that the top foot at 1845 ppm would be constantly watered down through the soft soil to the 4 foot level where the nitrates would then increase because of the septic contribution and continue to transport down where the levels would eventually decrease towards the bottom at 17 feet.

It did not happen that way! All of the wacky theories that Riverside threw at us basically said that since we could not disprove their claims, that we would have to accept them because they were the experts.

Well, they were expert liars, that's all! This is not science. What this now proves is that even in completely porous soil (let alone compacted soils), nitrates are truly trapped by the natural filtration of soil. What is left out of this equation is that this house is across the street from the high nitrate Vasquez Rocks, contributing to the naturally high levels of nitrates. That is the true source! At 17 feet the drilling stopped at the house because they struck water.

Now let's look at the well tests there. Well 4-Y was at 33.7 ppm on 6/18/92, at 40.6 ppm on 8/31/92, at 51.2 ppm at 3/31/93, and finally at 90.7 ppm on 9/23/93. Now you tell me that when they soil drilled at 17 feet the nitrate levels were 198 ppm, but in their well the highest level it got to was 90.7 ppm. Please do not forget the fact that the home owner stated that the 50 year rain created a small lake of manure water in his yard at his well head. Not only did it smell bad, it contaminated his well! It jumped up to 90 ppm the next time they tested in September, after a very dry spring and summer.

He said for years his well tested in the 20's (ppm), before his neighbor penned a herd of cows up stream and never cleaned it up. It is now in the 90's. That is why we recommend manure clean up. It is a real nitrate source, and I still think it is cheaper to haul it away

rather than pay for a sewer system. Just think, they might have you pay for a sewer system and still make you haul away the manure someday, just because you waited too long or you would not volunteer. I have included the letter from AV Rubbish stating a new discount for horse manure (Exhibit K) al. The deal was cut in March 1996 and with the discount I got for our town everyone should be thrilled to participate.

So now we are back to two of my mitigation recommendations: 1- Manure removal, and 2- Well testing quarterly for nitrates, with one test per year for human contribution chemicals. I have made a list of what we should test for: nitrates, arsenic, fluorides, boron, sodium, chlorides, and of course MBAS for surfactants (Exhibit L).

This is a fair and scientific group of tests that will really prove if individual wells have septic contamination. Nothing fancy, no bull, no isotopes, no "opinions" (For Sale!), just something we all can really agree on.

If, in the future, we start to get well readings that point out human factors (unless they are spiked wells), I will be the first to give my support for water and sewers. But, I am quite sure that my theories of nitrate contamination are the correct scientific interpretation of the data gathered by Riverside. I will bet the house on it! Let's see you Riverside folks do the same! What? No takers? I thought so!

Drill site #2 is the fire station. What is surprising is that the isotope tests there are between -1 and +2. The Riverside report finally states that the source is "Rock" nitrate (5-26-3). The Volcanic Basin starts only one mile south of the fire station, according to the William Muehlberger map, which now proves Alan Seward's contention that the underground volcanic basin extends even further than the above ground maps show.

I would conclude from actually looking at these hills that north of Sierra Highway the mountains are more the Granite Pelona Schist type. South at the fire station, the small hills are definitely volcanic types draining where the two types meet, into the low canyon in the fire station area. Of course, we also have an earthquake fault there and I hope no one falls in.

The Riverside report concludes (5-26-3) that the source is not from the volcanics, but they conclude that the nitrate levels reduce as the drilling gets deeper (proving nothing). I do not believe that 17 feet deep at the basement, 482 ppm is reduced and this fact should not be overlooked! Especially since the fire station is again upstream from the airport, in the blue line stream.

Drill site # 3 is near Anthony Road (5-26-5). First, I will go over their explanation of what occurred there. They discuss isotopic values in the shallow portion of the soil in the "soil organic range", similar to the "lawn site" (at drill site # 1). They call it a very heavy animal source, because they chose a down stream site from the neighboring hillside, which they claim, was an "animal containment pen". Then they say (5-27-2) that "animal wastes do not appear to provide a large contribution to the nitrates deeper in the soil". "The nitrogen rich, shallow material appears to be utilized for growth of the overlying lawn grasses". (How about neither of the above?)

Not even close! First, the isotopic ranges are +3 to +5, which would be soil sources, not animal. Real levels start at +7 and go all the way up to +30. I drove there and I did not see any evidence of a lawn, so the theory of "shallow buildups for the purpose of growing a lawn" is not true. I will tell you why. First, there are probably only 20 yards with decent lawns in the whole town. We live in the desert! Why aren't they testing in my yard which consists only of foxtails, sage brush, mustard, and other assorted native plants (weeds). Also, if they love testing lawns, why didn't any of the isotope tests find ranges in the

fertilizer level (-8 to +7)? That being said, look at the core drilling sample at site 3.0.


This is the most important fact in the entire Riverside report and they left it out of their conclusions! The nitrate level in the first foot is the highest ever recorded in this town at 8,415 ppm nitrates! In the second foot it is 1107 ppm, at the lowest level of 14 feet it is 45 ppm. What is going on in the first foot? They buried the 8,415 ppm (1870 as n) number on page B2-7 in the appendix. Then they came to the conclusion that somebody must be feeding a lawn. (There is not one there, look at the picture in the appendix). I do not think I could get 8000 parts per million if I was standing behind a cow with a measuring cup! Why didn't this ring all the alarm bells? **I will tell you why, it would serve to disprove their conclusion that "Septics are the main cause of nitrate contamination, therefore mandating a sewer system."**

It in fact proves that it's from an unknown source. The isotope test did not show it to be animal, fertilizer, rock or sewage. It only showed it to be from organic plant material breaking down into the soil. According to all my organic soil books, you would be lucky to get 75 ppm nitrates from composting plants. Where is 8,415 ppm coming from? There seems to be no natural process to create these levels. This level of nitrates has to be man made and dumped here. It cannot be from animals as they claimed.

At this level the nitrates would be toxic to anyone! Why did UCR ignore this clear and present danger? The HazMat teams should have been called and this area yellow taped! Instead they buried their findings in the appendix and tried to claim the high level of nitrates' source was decaying plants. Does anyone want to check this out? I should think that if they are so concerned with health and nitrate contamination, the houses south of this site should have been notified immediately and tested! At 8,415 ppm, people could die from drinking the water! Do they care? (NO!)

I hope this gets our town on the ball to test wells. We need over 200 wells tested four times a year! This really is a serious matter, not only to stop insane development, but also for health reasons.

At the end of chapter 5, they come to some new conclusions (5-28-2). Since chloride is found in some of these soil and well tests, they conclude it's from human septic and animals. Forget about the naturally occurring chloride from rocks and soils, it can only be from humans and animals. Forget about the entire chapter of isotope tests! It's from humans and animals. I am going to go sit in a corner and contemplate my navel and you will hear me repeating over and over again, it's from septic and animals..., that's basically what they did. Why there it is, the last page of chapter 5-30, the last sentence states, "Mixtures of contaminants from both manure and septic system sources will produce calculated contribution percentages intermediate between those shown". (Even though they are both in the same areas on the scale!) **Sort of a Yin and Yang of poop.**

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9. Love Letter from Lanny

Two new pages from our experts in Riverside! We received a letter from Lanny Lund on 4/17/96. He came to a brand new conclusion. Like I said to the professors on 5/8/96, at the town meeting, "Listen up boys, this ain't funny!" Well, here they go again. After being attacked with those damn isotope tests for all these months, we get a new disclaimer. Remember they kept saying that the isotopes prove the type of nitrates, and we civilians could not understand the algebra of modeling and the scientific "fingerprints" of isotope

testing like they could. Well guess what! We did the math and the isotope chapter is just plain lies! I will tell you why. Ready? On page 2 of the letter, paragraph 1 states "Although chemistry and isotope data cannot directly differentiate between anthropogenic contributions from animal and human organic wastes, both of the preceding arguments indicate a higher likelihood of septic wastes impacting the groundwater".

What a crock! Or should I say crook? Everywhere in this report it sounds like the only reason they disclose these major contradictions is because they must have had a lot of experience in their field. I think it's because they have had a lot of experience in court! I showed a lawyer friend of mine parts of the Riverside report and he said it sounded like a bad used car dealer's contract. Way too many excuses. He said if their document went to court and this town really hired an expert who really knew how to decipher their paper, only their disclaimers would save them, not any of the scientific arguments.

By the way, the next town they decide to take this nonsense to, I think I will volunteer my services for free!

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10. Modeling (Just stand there and look cute, maybe they won't read our paper!)

This chapter was probably written by Cindy Crawford, Christie Brinkley, and Claudia Schiffer. That was my first impression when I read it. Strip away all the Greek and the algebra and it comes down to this: They claim that the only transport mechanism is septic output. They also state that rainwater will not reach groundwater levels. If this is truly the case, we should rename our town "Dry Gulch".

What they also want us to believe is that every other trace of chemical or human involvement disappears completely from every testing method, except nitrates! Chlorine is missing from 1/2 the well tests. They claim chlorine proves human and animal sources, though they do not explain why it disappeared in those areas.

Ammonium is missing from well tests. Phosphates and surfactants are also missing. Everything disappeared off the face of the earth from my septic tank, but those pesky nitrates, they just keep going and going and going, straight down into the groundwater.

The report says in twenty years all wells will be contaminated, and I say Bull Thistle! They have not proven anything supporting their position, they are not even close. This would mean that every well presently over twenty years old would have gone bad by now. Wrong!

Their theory states that the only areas of transport are under the leach lines from septic. Then they add their map (2-9, Fig. 2-2) (Exhibit M) showing alluvial areas in the basin and state that there are two types of alluvial ground in the basin. One is the "Older and Holocene Alluvium which has relatively high permeability and porosity (2-7-4)".

It continues to explain that "In areas where great thickness of these units are present, rain and runoff can be expected to naturally recharge the groundwater table, and provide a relatively efficient storage and productive aquifer".

The other type is the thin, dry alluvium where water does not penetrate down to the water table. They estimate that the basin consists of 400 acres in the center of town having the


best storage capacity and the best transport ability because the alluvium is mostly made up of sand and gravel. The other parts of the basin, 10,600 acres, are made up of the 6,600 acres of "Nearly exposed hardrock basement and 4,000 acres of shallow or dry alluvial cover (2-10-3)".

Since this is a ratio of 26.5 to 1, it would be extremely easy to prove that after that 50 year rain the alluvial area in the downtown area would have spiked much higher than anywhere else and would have contained all of the human contamination elements immediately flushed into the groundwater.

It did not happen! If you refer to the well map (3-1, page 3-2), you would see that all of the wells over 90 mg/L in the Riverside report do not show anything resembling a plume, unless you compare it with the CH2M-Hill well chart. Then you discover that it is very similar, except the animal waste dumps have not been tested on the Riverside map, and with previous knowledge of CH2-M Hill one could leave out the evidence of the true contamination.

While we are on the subject of things left out, I found one important map left out of the final Riverside report that was previously in the draft report. This is chart 2-2 on page 2-5 of the draft showing, you guessed it, the drainage pattern of the Agua Dulce water shed, with the blueline stream (Exhibit N) going right through the pig farm dump and the airport property. (My dog ate it!)

After reading the entire draft, and comparing it with the final, it is very similar except the final report was fleshed out more to prove the contention of septic contamination only, while the first report basically said that there were many other factors contributing to the nitrate situation. They wrote the final report to ignore the unanswered questions in the draft, and came to the conclusion that only septic systems were the source of nitrates!

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11. Another Bad Area


The fourth area on the CH2M-Hill report is at the west end of Darling Road. We get 32.7 ppm, 35.2 ppm, 30.7 ppm, and 53.8 ppm. Also, the American Water Well Service (Exhibit O) shows one well tested in 1992 at 157 mg/L, a real hot spot! The North Country Trails section near there tested recently at 41 ppm. These wells feed approximately 50 homes. The CH2M-Hill report showed a plume near these wells, and lower wells north of those. This means it's a point source of contamination that should be looked into. We will ask the County to further examine that area. After Cal Mat is gone, we will all realize how special our little town is and how the real way to increase property values is to fight to keep our Community Standards District at 2.5 acres per home site.

Ten or so years from now we may be one of the few communities left in Southern California with large lots zoned for horses, etc. Now we will work to get a great high school built and we all will be sitting on a community that's a real gold mine!

So that sums it up! I win the bet. Here is the proof that the conclusions reached by UC Riverside were bogus. I am putting my name in for nomination to the Chamber of Commerce as "The Most Important Business In Agua Dulce". Without my Horticultural education and knowing my business of growing orchids, I could not have written this report and helped save our rural community! (Drop by and buy some!)

Please help us to truly solve these problems. Like Jack Petralia said to me personally, "You don't want to see any babies turn blue and die do you?"

No, I do not and I hope you will work as hard as I will to protect our groundwater and to keep that from ever happening.

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12. Water

The Sierra Pelona Water Basin holds approximately 5,000 acre feet of water, there are 345,000 gallons per acre foot. Multiplying that out comes to One Billion, Seven Hundred Twenty Five Million gallons of water (1,725,000,000) in the Sierra Pelona Basin. 5,000 acre feet is a conservative number, but this is what we will use for now.

In the basin there are approximately 1700 houses. The LA County Sanitation District states that the average house discharges 200 gallons a day. The Riverside report uses the number 300-350 gallons, according to a "Personal communication by W. Staats", who of course is not listed in the footnotes. This should be inserted just after R.F. Spaulding. They also left out Capt. Spaulding, the African explorer, Hooray!

While the average home uses 1000 gallons a day, based on LA County District #37, only 200 gallons of it is discharged into the septic system. That would come close to the figure of 365,000 gallons a year or 1 acre foot per family. If there was no recharge, the 1700 acre foot usage per year would dry out the aquifer completely in 3 to 4 years!

This is based on the ridiculous Riverside notion that there is no transport mechanism other than septic. 800 gallons would disappear and not recharge the water table, ever. Assuming that there is an 80% loss, we still get a 20% return, so the town would not go dry in three years, but in four years.

Now let's take the Riverside figure of 300-350 and the town dries up in 6.5 years!

They also have an incorrect theory on transport modeling. On 6-4-3 they discuss that leach lines consist of two 3 foot X 100 foot strips located 4 feet apart, totaling an area of 600 square feet. This yields the typical loading of 350 gallons per day / 600 Sq. feet which equals .08 Ft./day or 713 cm/month over the leach field.

This is a vertical number only! The water does not go straight down. It also moves horizontally. That's why the mysterious "Modeling Algebra" is also not scientific. We will not totally pollute our wells in 20 years because water does not travel straight down. That's why the natural soil filters out septic output and they know it!

There has been a lot of discussion regarding Cal Mat's need for water for their proposed strip mine at Agua Dulce Canyon Road and Soledad Road. They need additional water and the only possible water sources are from a sewage treatment plant or an external source of water. Of course, they do not want to pay for it, they want our town to. That's why we feel the pressure from their representatives to make us get sewer and water systems.

Otherwise, we would show a completely united front against both the strip mine and sewers. Be aware who the players are on both sides. The community has been polled over

the past ten years, and it is clear that they will not pay for this insanity. Riverside has been a contributor to the sewer issue and this UCR report shows the true bias and misinformation that they have been perpetrating with their unscientific conclusions that they have tried to sneak past the Water Quality Board. The taxpayers have been ripped off again. We have put a stop to this happening in the future.

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13. Animal Husbandry

Some people claim, to paraphrase Tom Leher, that they moved here to study animal husbandry, until they were caught at it.

You know why I moved here, to get back to the land and "Veg Out". For a real good time I'll kick back, do some reading in the shed with the crescent moon cutout in the door. I will open my "Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening" and look up the "Animal Excrement per 1000 lb. Live Weight" chart to see what is going on at the pig farm.

Did you know that between horses, cows, sheep, chickens, and pigs, 1000 lb. of pig will excrete the most per year. Chickens- 8500 lb, Sheep- 12,000 lb, Horses- 18,000 lb, Cows 27,000 lb, and Pigs- 30,000 lb. Wow! You do the math! If the farmer has 10 pigs there would be 300,000 lb per year, but if he had 100 pigs he would have 3,000,000 lb per year. Now, I do not want to hear from the so-called experts that there is hardly any manure at the pig farm site.

Lets see, if you have a 200 lb. pig on a train going 100 miles per hour and you have a 400 lb. pig on a plane landing at the Agua Dulce Airport and staying there over ten years, how "Pristine" can you get? Now class, I want you to answer the question in real math terms, not the existentialist New Riverside Math which would state that if you do not see any piggies, did they truly ever exist? Therefore, in an unfathomable universe, can the locals here really tell what kind of manure the professors are really shoveling? Good Question! You have 1 minute to figure it out.

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13. Beating a Dead Horse

This chapter raises only one question: "Where's the Beef?" I will hammer on one more item. This will now show how completely sloppy the UCR researchers have been. It has been scary even to write this report. I am not sure whether it's because UCR does not know much about what they are doing, or it's because they know exactly what they are doing! In other words, cooking the data - you tell me.

The item is potassium. They tested for it, and the most that they found was 5 ppm in the whole town. You would think that the lack of it would make them think twice about all their claims about fertilizer, but since they are not experts at fertilizer, I will clear it up for you.

If you go back to my 6-13-96 report entitled "Howard Carlip's Comments on the Riverside Report", you would read about "Fertilizers and Ammonium Sources", on page 7. The discussion concluded that if someone used 30-10-10 as directed, that there would be 1257

ppm of ammonium found.

Now, let's take that number and divide by three, because we used N-30, P-10, K-10. We would get 419 ppm potassium in the form of K2O. To further reduce that number into elemental potassium, you simply multiply by 83% and you would get 348 ppm K.


What amazes me is that they did not find, in this entire town, any potassium over 5 ppm in the groundwater. You would certainly find high measurable levels of potassium, as well as phosphates, in the output from septic systems. See UCR chart B1-3 (Exhibit P). By now I have proven that the groundwater is not contaminated by septic systems in Agua Dulce.

It's very clear what has happened here. With regal authority UCR pronounced the condemnation of our town with phrases like "Fertilizer contamination", and "Lawnsite fertilizer contributions".

They even had the nerve to stand in someone's yard, look over the fence and see too many animals in too small a space and write it up as "Downtown Business Center and the Densely Populated area of Town Contamination", instead of saying "There's cow flop in this guy's well".

They threw out, hid, or even lied about hard core data that went against their preconceived conclusion that "All contamination is from human sources".

This to me is criminal! They are dead wrong and they know it. They have got a lot of nerve pushing this garbage on our town

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Final Chapter

Going back to the geology discussion we find a large source of chlorides in the rocks and soils from sal ammoniac, which contains 66% chlorine. This was pointed out in the 1989 report by Allen Seward, but there was no chapter on rock and soil chemical analysis in the Riverside report.

Maybe it's because they were aware of the data documenting the explorations in the Agua Dulce area, around the turn of the century, to discover a new nitrate source when Chile stopped exporting.

It seems so unprofessional that there is no chemistry study! Also pointed out is the one Riverside rock and soil test on the "Vasquez Volcanics", showing 797 ppm nitrates buried in the appendix (B3-5), which only was given out to 2 people in the community. I finally got a copy at the beginning of May and the meeting with the State and Riverside TAC was on May 8.

My initial response was that "You must be kidding!" and so I wrote my speech parodying their presentation of their report which should have been titled "Disclaimers, Unanswered Questions, Doubts, Excuses, Contradictions, Hocus-Pocus-Dominocus, Covering-Our-Ass-From-Future-Liabilities, Oversights, Ignorance, Buried Truth, Outright Fudging, Nudge-Nudge-Wink-Wink, Say-No-More! All this was served up with a generous portion of Bull-Thistle!

Now that's not the cowboy way! We invited you folks into our homes after you promised us that you would do an honest paper and look what you gave us, Nitrate Nuggets! Then you send the bill to us taxpayers. We could have built that purdy museum with all of that darn tootin' wasted money. I know, we will call it the Vasquez Park-Riverside Gang Museum after the two biggest robberies in this town's history! You are lucky I moved here to become the Sheriff. I will not let this happen again! Our town's safe now, you town folk can now go back to beating each other up. Have a nice day Ma'am. I will be riding off into the sunset, drifting along with the tumbling tumbleweeds.

The conclusions that should have been reached are:

1. The pig farm dump, covering 10 acres to a depth of 38 feet, directly in the blueline stream, causes high levels of animal nitrate contamination of the main Agua Dulce water source.
2. Volcanic rock causes a significant level of natural nitrate contamination which is leached into all of the ground water.
3. These two sources of nitrate contamination are flushed into ground water during record rains, causing the abnormal spike reported in the UCR study.
4. Human septic sources are small and the chemicals integral with septic output were not detectable in any test in the URC report, even after record rains.

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The UCR report and its technical data fully proves these conclusions.

The modeling chapter, which was added after the UCR report was completed by the pro sewer TAC, has no relationship to any of the data in the report. Its modeling theories are unscientific and contrary to both the data and other published studies.

The final conclusion that humans are the primary source of nitrates in Agua Dulce is completely false and unsupported by any data in the UCR report.

I am Howard Carlip and I welcome your comments and I will meet anytime, anywhere, to debate with UCR and the State Water Quality Board about these issues.

Thank you. Howard Carlip

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The Aqua Dulce Town Council approved this report on June 12 for submission and comment by California Regional Water Quality Board, Los Angeles Basin.

The University of Riverside (Riverside) came to the conclusion stated at the May 8, 1996 meeting that **"All nitrate pollution is from human sources"** with no possible doubt, though in the report they discussed the unreliability of their most modern testing equipment. This data can be lost in such a large report, covering their collective positions from future actions taken against them.

Their conclusions are flawed. This paper will disclose the errors in the Riverside report.

Abstract ii-3 "Results of transport modeling of natural rain fall recharge conditions clearly indicate that vertical movement of natural soil Nitrate under these conditions is exceedingly slow. These facts along with the observed point-source, Nitrate contamination style of much of the Sierra Pelona, lead to the conclusions that natural soil Nitrate was not the dominant contributor to highly observed concentrations". "Transport modeling at Anthropogenic environments providing large constant recharge water fluxes (Septic systems, irrigation) convincingly show rapid vertical transport of such anthropogenic, organic nitrate toward the water table."

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See discussion on transport mechanisms.

Abstract ii-4 *"Isotopically moderate to heavy Nitrate indicates that septic sources and ancient (SIC) modern animal contaminant sources as most likely contribute significantly to the point source".*

In this report nitrate-is expressed as NO₃ (MCL of 45mg/l) instead of nitrate as nitrogen (MCL 10 mg/l), because most agencies use this scale. The Riverside report seems to use both scales in a confusing manner. Also, mg/l can be expressed as Parts Per Million (ppm).

Chapter 3-5 3 Sampling and analysis of groundwater for nitrate and major elements indicated that the nitrate contamination in the Sierra Pelona basin is complex. At least three distinctive types of nitrate enrichment were observed in our investigation of the region.

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The TAC Community representatives. The Agua Dulce community was represented on TAC, by Tom Soper and Art Babcock.

Chapter 1-7-1 This TAC included representatives of the Agua Dulce community. The TAC met at critical points in the project (initiation, drilling site selection, and data evaluation) to discuss and comment on procedures, results and reporting".

Riverside came to town and chose the area downstream from a 10-acre pig farm as their only "pristine" site. The TAC representatives failed to correct Riverside's choice of a "pristine site".

Chapter 3-8-5 "A site around the A.D. Airport was suggested by the project manager. Since that site met the requirements for a pristine site, a communication was initiated with the landowner, however permission to drill at this site was never granted by the landowner".

The CH2M-Hill report went into detail about this and other animal waste sites. The Riverside paper critiques the CH2M-Hill report, which indicates that it was thoroughly read. Test data shows a well near the airport runway at around 75 Mg/l, clearly not pristine, but thoroughly contaminated.

Chapter 1-5-6 "We also acknowledged the skepticism of members of the community toward previous investigations and attempted to carry out this project without preconceptions. To this end, the design of our sampling and analysis program was carried out prior to any compilation or re-interpretation of results from prior investigations".

The airport wells are directly down the main blueline stream from the ten-acre pig farm waste dump. The representatives from this town on the TAC committee were well aware of this information. The draft was issued including this gross mistake. This mistake has been in the data for four years.

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Nitrate increases after the 50-year storm. The Riverside report states (abstract page 1) in March, 1993, one month after the "50 year rain" (2-1), which they called "Flood Condition (24.8)". The second highest total in half a century. "2-1-1. The wells with over 90 mg/l as NO₃ increased from 2% of the wells tested (92 wells) to 14%.

This points out that their premise will prove their theory of ever increasing levels of nitrates contaminating the groundwater in the Sierra Pelona basin. They then state six months later, in September, that the percentage decreased to 6%, a net increase of only 4%.

From this data alone one could conclude that in 25 years, each consisting of a 50-year storm, all wells would be over 90 mg/l as NO₃.

According to their basin discussion on climate - precipitation - vegetation, the average rainfall is about 6.8" per year. Every 8-10 years "abnormal", high rainfall seasons (greater than 18") occur. This would now date the time that all wells remaining > 90 mg/l as NO₃ to some time around 72.5 years from now.

The average rainfall of one year at 24.8", and nine years of 6.8", is 8.6" per year. If there was a net 4% increase of nitrates during the 24.8" year, then a normal 6.8" year would be 27.4% of the 24.8" year, or a 1.1% increase of nitrates in wells over 90 mg/l as NO₃, nine years out of ten. This would be average all ten years at a 1.387% increase.

The second premise on page i of the abstract. 33% of 235 wells in 1992 had concentrations over 45 mg/l as NO₃. One month after the fifty-year rain they tested again and concluded that wells at that level increased to 34%, a total change of 1%. The second test (3-93) consisted of only 92 wells.

For better data, they should have tested at least 200 wells, instead of only 92. Their data is based on only 39% of the original wells tested. Even at the high levels after the flood season, only 14% of 92 wells (13 wells) were over the levels of 90 mg/l as NO₃. In the fall of 1993, when levels went back down again, only 6% of the 92 wells (6 wells) stayed over 90 mg/l as NO₃. This is not a representative cross section to prove their conclusions.

Riverside and TAC should have inspected the high level wells, if possible, and diagnosed individual mitigation with the aid of the LA County Health Department staff if they were really interested in proving the "Source" of the nitrates. They only mention possible well contamination due to construction problems or old age. They don't have any counts or locations of the claimed bad wells, but conclude that there are lots of them. Riverside needs to find and disclose at least 10 wells as proof.

The chain of custody issues has already been raised, questioning the integrity of their gathering. They had the well tests from the CH2M-Hill report, therefore, one could conclude that they could pick any wells they saw fit to test for their deserved conclusions. The results could have gone either way. They could have picked any wells they wanted to and state that these were a "random sampling".

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Test Drill Sites. Four drill sites chosen were already known as high nitrate sites in the CH2M-Hill report. Riverside failed to drill at a pristine site. They based the soil and rock chapter on only these four tests of the known "dirtiest" sites. Even though they stated earlier that the community was bothered by previous reports, it was Riverside's mission to investigate other sources of nitrates.

Chapter 1-4-3 "Concern has been raised relative to the number of wells sampled by CH2M-Hill, the accuracy of their results and the apparent lack of investigation of other sources of nitrates in the basin".

Chapter 3-9-2 Sampling Procedures "Initially, continuous cores were taken from the surface to termination of four locations (DS 1, DS 2, DS 3, DS 4)."

DS 1 is just north of Vasquez Rocks Park. This area was used heavily for horses and cattle during the 1910 to 1940 period.

Chapter 3-5 5 "The third distinctive mode of nitrate contamination identified in the Sierra Pelona basin is a very extensive region of moderate to high concentrations (greater than half of the MCL). This somewhat contaminated region covers much of the deep alluvial aquifer of the basin, which underlies the most densely populated portion of Agua Dulce. This area is referred to as the "Agua Dulce region". In contrast to the "Fire station region", this area shows good correlation between nitrate concentration and that of other major solutes. This indicates a different nitrate source and/or a different mode of contamination."

DS 2 - Fire station. Sierra Highway was old US 6, the only route to the mining areas in the eastern Sierras and the Great Basin area from Los Angeles until 1960. Based on the chemically distinctive reports, a more likely explanation is that it is from an old chemical spill.

*Abstract i-4 "A tight cluster of **strongly "Contaminated" wells** in the vicinity of the fire station on Sierra Highway appears to produce **chemically distinctive waters**. These wells have unusually low concentrations of dissolved chlorine and sulfate, but **high concentrations of Nitrates**."*

Chapter 3-5 4 "The second mode of occurrence of nitrate contamination is a more extensive region producing waters of high nitrate concentration and unique major element chemistry. This region is located near where the Agua Dulce Canyon crosses the Sierra Highway and is referred to as the "Fire station region". Water wells at the Agua Dulce fire station lie within this contaminated area and have been repetitively sampled, always producing high nitrate waters with otherwise low concentrations of other major ions. The geochemistry of this region is unique in that the contamination of the groundwater is apparently not linked to high concentrations of other soluble compounds which might also be leached at the surface and be transported with the nitrate into the groundwater."

DS 3 - Anthony Road near Hierba Road.

Chapter 3-8-2 "Drill site 3 (DS 3): Near surface nitrate loading at this site (if any) may be dominated by animal waste from pens located just uphill from the proposed site".

DS 4 - The Pig farm

Abstract ii-2 "Soil core samples from a site known to have supported pig production in the past had heavy isotopic compositions as well as high Nitrate concentrations."

Chapter 3-8-3 "Drill site 4 (DS 4): A drill site was selected in a region with relatively thick alluvium, a relatively thick vadose zone and a distinctive historical land use as agricultural/animal pens. The "pig farm" site was located somewhat north of the airport in an unpopulated valley. This site was selected to provide a nitrogen isotopic "signature" representing animal sources of nitrogen."

All of these drill sites were known for high nitrates in wells.

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Pristine sites. Every one of Riverside's maps of the Sierra Pelona basin shows testing only to one mile north of Sierra Highway. The true boundaries of the basin are located on previous maps (CH2M-Hill). The Riverside report has 25% of the basin missing. Although they speak of the northern boundary at Mt. McDill, (2-1-3, they refer to it as Mt. Dill), none of these maps show it. Why? Two miles of the northern territory has disappeared and along with it so have six wells below 1 mg/l as NO₃. These were in the CH2M-Hill report, but not in the Riverside report. Are these the pristine sites?

Chapter 3-8-4 "Pristine site: The final site proved to be the most elusive. This site was planned to represent "pristine" natural conditions in the Sierra Pelona Valley. Because of the long history of agriculture, animal use and residential use in the alluvial portions of the valley, it was difficult to find an accessible site with sufficient alluvium to make drilling worthwhile."

These might have been "elusive" to the TAC committee, but in referring to Plate 5 from the CH2M-Hill Report, over 14 wells had less than 1 mg/l as NO₃.

Chapter 3-8-6 "Because of the lack of a single accessible and suitable "pristine" site, an alternative approach to evaluate multiple "pristine" sites was followed. This approach involved sampling basement rock exposures (R-) and associated soils (S-) from a number of locations in the watershed (figure 3-2)."

The June 10, 1996 report by Allan E. Seward, registered Geologist 571 and Engineering

Geologist 246, states in part in paragraph 6.

"The Riverside study has no data base relative a pristine ground water source. Therefore their conclusions relative to the source of the nitrates is questionable." And later "the primary source of the existing nitrates in the ground water is still unknown."

Registered geologist Seward disagreed with the Riverside report in his independent findings.

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Surfactants in the Water. Washing products contain, among other ingredients, organic surface-active compounds (surfactants). The most common used are anionic alkyl Benzene sulfonate, linear alkyl sulfates (LAS), and linear ethoxy sulfates (Van Nostrands Scientific Encyclopedia, 5th edition, pg. 772). These constituents were never detected in any well water samples.

Chapter 3-11-2 "A subset of well samples were also analyzed for MBAS and non-ionic surfactants. However, these constituents were never detected in any well water samples. Thus, the presence of these constituents could not be used as evidence of well contamination.."

Riverside tested 15 wells almost 2 years apart. The second test was one month after that 50-year rain. That's when some wells' nitrate levels spiked. They used two tests, without success, to try to find surfactants.

The standard (Methylene Blue Active Substances (MBAS) test's sensitivity level is 0.050 ppm. The second test, NID, measures above 0.3 Parts per million (ppm). None were found. Assuming a family of four does one load of laundry every other day, you would put 4 ounces of detergent in an average washing machine with roughly 33% (or more) of non-ionic surfactants. This is 2.64 oz per load or 1.32 oz of surfactants per day. Now let's add in an average homeowner's use of the bathroom and other household uses. The average household uses about 200 gallons a day, if they don't own a dish washing machine. Concentration of surfactants in the 200-gallon output of the septic system per day is calculated:

$$1.32 \text{ oz} / 128 \text{ oz/gal} / 200 \text{ gal} = 0.0000515 \text{ or } 51.5 \text{ ppm}$$

Non-ionic surfactants break down slowly, and since they also float on the surface, they should quickly exit from the septic tank into the leach field.

The septic output is 1000 times the minimum level traceable by Riverside's tests. With 51 parts per million (or 51mg/l) the MBAS test will detect surfactants at 0.05 parts per million. They found none. The septic contains 75 to 200 ml/l nitrates as NO_3 . This is the first way to show that **nitrate pollution is not from septic sources.**

Add in all the other cleaning products you dump down the drain, some with ammonia, chlorine, alcohol, bleach (Sodium Hypo Chlorite), phosphates (still used in some washing powders), and suds suppressers (silicon based anti foaming agents which do not break

down). This paper is not about pollutants, because all of these products are safe for the environment when used properly and are allowable in waste systems. So, if you pour them down the drain in L.A. or Agua Dulce, some will breakdown eventually, some like non-ionic surfactants will not.

Most dishwashing products contain about 1.6 grams of phosphate per wash. Assuming they wash one load per day and ignoring all other sources of phosphate used, we get:

$$1.6 \text{ gm} / (200 \text{ gal} \times 7.46 \text{ lb./gal} \times 2.2 \text{ Kg/lb}) = 0.00000047 \text{ or } 0.47 \text{ ppm}$$

This is 10 times the minimum level traceable by Riverside's tests, which showed none found. This also clearly shows our **nitrate pollution is not from septic sources**.

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Existing Surfactant pollution. The annual water quality report for 1995 shows that California State Water Project water from the Sacramento Delta is delivered through MWD and AVEK. Even after treatment the water still contains 0.05 ppm surfactants (MBAS test) which can't be removed in the treatment plant. They are not harmful in small quantities and they degrade very slowly and serve as clear indicators of human septic source contamination.

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Bio-solids disposal. LA City Sanitation District plans to take tons of sewage sludge called bio-solids and dump it on the ground in Palmdale. In reality, it is a biohazard so toxic the EPA prohibits the past practice of dumping it in the ocean. It is to be spread over 200 to 4000 acres at the Palmdale Airport. The water table is about 200 feet deep. The Lauhatan California Regional Water Quality Board (which covers the eastern Sierra and the Antelope Valley) said that this sludge will not transport into the groundwater, even though it will be irrigated at the equivalent level of 120 inches of rain a year.

In Agua Dulce, where the water table ranges from 10 to 800 feet, they claim that septic tank output will reach the groundwater, but thousands of tons of sewage sludge will not, 30 miles away in Palmdale.

Allan Seward in his report in paragraph 7 states: "until a pristine ground water base and a detailed study relative to the presence of surfactants [and] boron and phosphorous) are established, the primary source of the existing nitrates in the ground water is still unknown".

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Fertilizers and Ammonium sources.

Chapter 3-14-2, "It should be noted that no well water samples were found to contain significant quantities of Ammonium".

The Riverside report states that at its test's sensitivity level of 0.5 ppm, they still found no

ammonium.

A fertilizer such as "Stern's Miracid" is rated at 30-10-10. The 30% is nitrogen as 27% urea which is $\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2$ or ammoniacal (not nitrate) based nitrogen and 3% straight ammoniacal nitrogen).

One envelope of 30-10-10 is 1.25 lb. and will make approximately 40 gallons of dilute fertilizer.

$(1.25 \text{ lb.} / 40 \text{ gal} \times 7.46 \text{ lb./gal}) \times 30\% = 0.001257 \text{ or } 1257 \text{ ppm}$

The instructions call for 1 gallon of this solution per 10 square feet every two weeks. One envelope will feed 400 square feet this solution.

The area fertilized will be watered, flushing the ammonium toward the ground water. If crops are fed all the way into the end of autumn, cooler weather will slow down the breakdown mechanism of the nitrogen.

Horticulture science states the denitrification pathways changing ammonium into nitrates. A lot of these changes respond to temperature, bacteria, plant uptake, rain, evaporation, and groundwater recharge. As no ammonium was found in the well tests, the contamination was not from fertilizers as they were bound to the soil.

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Animals as Ammonium sources. Another ammonium source is large animals (Horses, Cows, Pigs, Llamas, Ostriches, Buffalo, Asses, half Tigers-half Lions, Elephants etc.).

Current zoning allows 8 horses per acre, or 20 per 2.5 acre parcel. Sometimes manure is dumped into the flood plain. During the big rains the flood takes the manure, full of nitrates, downstream to the neighbors.

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Humans as Ammonium source. Human waste has considerable ammonium. Riverside states that septic effluent is a continuous output and is the only possible transport mechanism to the ground water. The ammonium from the leach lines is flushed into the groundwater and if their conclusions are correct then ammonium would have been found in the ground water.

This also clearly shows our **nitrate pollution is not from septic sources.**

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Transport mechanism theory. Riverside claims the septic effluent under the leach lines is flushed into the groundwater during heavy rains. They also claim that the Natural nitrates, fertilizer and manure at surface level doesn't flush down. How did the rain water get from the surface bypassing the first four feet of earth. Why didn't the rain water flush out all the soil including the first four feet which covers the leach lines?

The recharge means that the soil is **saturated** all the way down to the groundwater.

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Conclusions. The claim has been made that "Surfactants in the wells prove septic contamination, but the absence of them proves nothing".

Only High Nitrate Wells Tested. Riverside chose the high nitrate test wells from the CH2M-Hill report to give them a sufficient source for their isotope analysis, which is the primary testing method of their study. There was no reason to test low reading wells because there was insufficient nitrogen to test for isotopes. Therefore, low reading wells would not be tested because of the low sensitivity of the testing equipment. They even stated:

"Because of the complex array of chemical and physical processes in which nitrogen participates, isotope "fingerprints" are rarely well defined, instead appearing as a range of composites described best by a statistical probability".

Chapter 1-4-3 "Concern has been raised relative to the number of wells sampled by CH2M-Hill, the accuracy of their results and the apparent lack of investigation of other sources of nitrates in the basin".

This shows that the entire study is flawed.

Transport Mechanism. It would be proper to retest the 13 wells that spiked in March, immediately after a record heavy rain and every two months to chart their rate of decrease, thus disputing their "Transport mechanism theory". What they seem to prove is that there is nitrate contamination after a heavy rain. Their claim that the extra 4 feet above leach lines blocks natural, fertilizer, and human nitrates from getting into the water table is wrong, as the rain soaks in from the top down.

The true sources of nitrate pollution. At the 5-8-'96 meeting enlarged copies of the 1988 CH2M-Hill report Plate 5, titled "1988 Nitrate Values", were posted. It showed:

The Pratty Pig Farm. This is the primary nitrate pollution source for Agua Dulce. It is an old (1950), large landfill located up the blue line stream, 1/2 mile northeast of the airport. One of our consultants, Dr. Carl Austin, (Former chief geologist of the NWC China Lake) stated, "Pig farm waste when placed underground never dissipates and water flowing through the pig dump will leach out large quantities of nitrates". Further he states, "the material is so toxic any animal eating the waste will quickly die from nitrate poisoning."

One of the airport wells is located 100 yards north of the end of the runway and tested at 74 mg/l as NO₃. 1/4 mile directly north of the airport well is a well testing 3.6 mg/l as NO₃. 450

yards due west of the airport a well tested 9.1 mg/l as NO_3 . Half way down the airport runway is a well tested at 31.2 mg/l as NO_3 .

At the south west end of the runway and down the blue line stream is a 75.9 mg/l as NO_3 well. Then, 220 yards more in the same direction it drops off to 21.6 mg/l as NO_3 . Due south 300 yards it reduces to .05 mg/l as NO_3 .

If you follow the blue line stream from the southern end of the airport, it goes southeast 1000 yards to a well at 87.7 mg/l as NO_3 , that well is exactly 220 yards due east from the well of .05 mg/l as NO_3 . 300 yards due east of that 87.7 well, out of the water table, it drops down to 18.1 mg/l as NO_3 and 15.3 mg/l as NO_3 at the next two wells and southeast 400 yards is a 0.0 mg/l as NO_3 well. Continue southeast to the next well of 2.1 mg/l as NO_3 , 300 yards more.

This clearly shows a nitrates plume from the Pratty pig farm dump.

Animal Farm north of Sierra Highway near Agua Dulce Canyon. This is a rectangular parcel about 1/3 the size of the Pratty Pig Farm. On the eastern border of the pig farm, is a well testing at 62.5 mg/l as NO_3 . 100 yards east is a well at 7.7 mg/l as NO_3 . Downstream, to the southwest is a well at 31.5 mg/l as NO_3 and downstream southeast is a well at 22.3 mg/l as NO_3 . Directly north of the well at 22.3 mg/l as NO_3 are three wells, one at 30. mg/l as NO_3 , and 2 at 0.0 mg/l as NO_3 . The well at 30 mg/l as NO_3 might have a specific contamination problem, and that should be looked at.

Aside from that, all well results mentioned so far completely fit my argument of contamination downstream from a known animal farm dump site.

Fire station. This area is peculiar because there is no documentation of what existed previously at this site. Additional research and testing need to be done to prove what went on here. The polluted wells are in a circle from the fire station levels at 66.5, 43.8, 46.5, 31.1, and 24.5 mg/l as NO_3 .

The surrounding area, in all directions, drops off to 12.6, 0.0, 0.18, 7.8, 0.0, 0.38, and 0.04 mg/l as NO_3 . These localized problems must be investigated. It shows that the wells surrounding the high nitrate wells are very low to the outside of the area. The Riverside study pointed to it being from human septic sources, and overlooked the low reading at the next door neighbors.

Dusty Drive. Another high area at 38.3 mg/l as NO_3 is approximately around Dusty Drive. This should be examined as a possible point source for much contamination from an unknown cause.

Vasquez Rocks. This is our area of naturally occurring nitrate rock. Around the Vasquez Rocks tests shows: 88.9, 73.1, 67.4, 22.7, 87.0, 33.0 mg/l as NO_3 . The Riverside report blames these values on contamination by man; from septic, upstream towards the center of town, in other words the three large business centers. They claim that all this human waste is going down the stream to Vasquez Rocks, yet no surfactants or ammonium were found in these wells. We have enclosed Riverside's data showing 797 ppm naturally occurring nitrates in Vasquez Red Sandstone.

Allan Seward states in Paragraph 1. " The Sierra Pelona ground water basin is underlain by rocks of the Tick Canyon and Vasquez formation which were originally deposited in a closed volcanic basin. Paragraph 4 shows the entire area contains heavy amounts of natural occurring nitrates.

This shows that Riverside knew about the high levels of the naturally occurring nitrates but failed to disclose this fact in the report and only stated it in the appendix, which was not given to the Agua Dulce Town Council.

Natural pollution sources. See the attached charts from the drilling and core samples.

Clearly this proves that the conclusion of the Riverside report, "All nitrate pollution is from human sources", is wrong and not supported by their own data.

Howard Carlip

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This letter was sent to the Agua Dulce Town Council on February 7, 1996

Update on Nitrates in Agua Dulce

Revised 10/22/96 10:54 PM

There has been much misinformation and badly presented information in the Country Journal /community concerning the nitrate problem in Agua Dulce. The facts are as follows:

1. Agua Dulce has already been designated as a health hazard area by Los Angeles County because of high nitrates in the ground water.
2. Because of this designation, every new development of less than 5 acres is required to hook up to a sewage treatment plant and provide public water.
3. As part of the Rio Dulce project, the land has already been selected for the designated Agua Dulce Regional Sewage Treatment Plant which would be located in the Soledad Canyon area, south of Agua Dulce. The plant has been designated and the land committed even though the development has been slowed by the economy.
4. When the designated plant is built and as long as a health hazard is still determined, it will be mandatory that all persons in the Agua Dulce drainage basin connect to the sewage treatment plant.
5. The estimated cost of this will range from \$30,000 to \$100,000 depending upon how far away you are located from the sewer line.

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Popular misconceptions and misinformation being circulated.

If a developer builds a sewage treatment plant, you don't have to pay for it.

Wrong! When a developer builds a plant and you connect to it, you pay your pro-rata share of the plant cost plus a profit to the County. After a ten year period the developer no longer gets the money, it simply goes to the County instead. **You pay for the plant!**

If the community "beats" Regional Water Quality, it will stop the sewers.

Wrong! Unless something is done now to reverse the existing designation of the approved Sewage Treatment Plant as the **Agua Dulce Regional Treatment Plant**, instead of a treatment plant specifically for a new development, then those living in the Agua Dulce area can look forward to their property values being essentially zero.

Water Supply Issues

Unfortunately, when you put in a Regional Sewage Treatment plant and drain the water from the Agua Dulce aquifer (which is spotty at best) and dumps the reclaimed water into the Santa Clara River, it is never returned to the community.

There is now virtually no recharge to the Agua Dulce aquifer because of the limited rains, except for a few places such as around Vasquez Rocks which is a part of a natural lake,

and does have a good aquifer. Farther away from that area is a poor aquifer. The Septic systems do drain back into the aquifer and recharge 100% of their input back through the ground as a filter, into the aquifer.

Therefore, along with wasting from \$30,000 to \$100,000, you will then have to have water hauled or pay for public water to be brought in which could add another \$30,000 to \$40,000 dollars to the cost.

All of the above facts can be readily checked with documents. There is a CFD 6 which is controlled by the Board of Supervisors and which will build the Regional Treatment Plant and a quick check with Los Angeles County Regional Planning or Los Angeles County Health Department will indicate that Agua Dulce is tagged as having a high nitrate problem.

Possible Actions

The main issue is to get the health hazard designation for the entire community reversed.

One of the positive things in the report from the University of Riverside, was the rebuttal of Regional Water Quality's position that all of the nitrates in Agua Dulce were a result of human habitation. Those who know Spanish realize that Agua Dulce means "sweet water". Nitrates dissolved in water tastes sweet, hence it seems that the water has had nitrates for as long as people have spoken Spanish and then English in the community. And it seems the Indians preferred the water in Agua Dulce because it was the first that they considered good, sweet water after they left the deserts in their trek to the sea for trading.

With the nitrates occurring naturally, in at least 50% of the nitrates in the area as stated in the report, it would seem that sewers at best could only reduce nitrates by 50%. This is assuming that all fertilization of plants are stopped and all animals are potty trained.

As probably half of the remaining nitrates in the community are residual farming and/or animal manure. This leaves only 25% to be removed by a sewer system.

There can be no fix for naturally occurring nitrates except for elaborate filtration systems on drinking water or public water. Since the amount of drinking water used in a home is fairly minimal compared to the total water, it would seem that those few wells that are contaminated by direct connection to the surface could be rectified by utilizing reverse osmosis systems for drinking water and leaving the water solely for irrigation, landscaping and other purposes. It is just that drinking water, particularly for pregnant women, is a problem if the nitrates are above 45 milligrams per liter.

Animal waste problems can be dealt with by relocating the animal manure to other areas and providing better seals on affected wells.

The issue itself is simple, either the community gets up and gets moving to prove that Regional sewer systems aren't needed and de-certify as the regional plant in Agua Dulce or they advise all the buyers of property in Agua Dulce of the fact that they may have a \$60,000 to \$140,000 bill ahead of them for water and sewers.

Why it is not a problem in Acton

The plant was originally designated a the Acton-Agua Dulce Regional Treatment Plant. In Acton a number of individuals and developers got together and convinced the County that a sewer system for Acton was unneeded and that simply a restriction of all new subdivisions

to one acre or greater was all that was needed to protect the water. Regional Water Quality did require developers to put in dry sewer lines to the street but remain unconnected to any system.

In Agua Dulce there is an existing standards district that prohibits division of less than 2 1/2 acres. The area around Agua Dulce is zoned essentially for two acres. It would seem the same arguments that were used in Acton with a modification of fixing specific bad wells, could be used in Agua Dulce.

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Letters to Government agencies

Revised 12/22/96 ■ Illegal signs Sent 12-18-96 no response t date

■ Transit Mix EIR Sent 12-11-96 no response to date

To add your illegal sign or zoning report E-Mail: Acton@wgn.net If you want sent us a image -great.

John Calas, Zoning Enforcement The Department of Regional Planning Hall of Records
320 West Temple Street, Room 1341 Los Angeles, California 90012 Voice 213-974-6453
FAX: 213-626-0434 December 18, 1996 Illegal signs in Acton and Agua Dulce.

Mr. Calas

I would like to call your attention to the plethora of illegal signs in Acton and Agua Dulce. I have also included several other trash related complaints.

As you know illegal signs lower property values. Nothing makes a community look worse than this commercial graffiti. The County's refusal to do any pro-active enforcement or community self help as LA City now allows, requires us to deal with them on a complaint basis. If a property owner will give the necessary permission, including LA County and Southern California Edison for signs in road right of ways or on power poles, I will have the sign removed and recycled,

You have my full permission to tell anyone whose sign I have reported that I am the source of the complaint. Some of the complaints have been given to me by others who wish to be protected from threatened reappraisals by the owners and other pro urban groups. I do not believe in anonymous complaining and I have personally verified that the signs do exist. I would like to see specifically the steps you have taken to eliminate these illegal signs. This letter and the results of L A County actions will be posted on the Vanguard's Internet site.

Location	Type of Illegal Sign	Action
Union 76 Plaza Northwest corner of Sierra Highway and Crown Valley Road	A number of banners tied to the railings and stairwells at the liquor store. Large number of lighted and other signs nearly blocking all of the liquor store windows.	
Shell station Southwest corner of Sierra Highway and Crown Valley Road	Various banner signs mounted on poles. Free standing signboard structures at the edges of the building and property.	
Arco AM/PM, Southeast corner of Highway 14 and Crown Valley Road	Free standing banner type sign sitting along Crown Valley. Small pennant sign on that edge of the property. Newspaper boxes in sidewalk.	
Vacant Lot Northwest corner of Highway 14 and 500' west of Crown Valley Road adjacent to south bound on ramp	Two 8X16 "For Lease signs" Note the property is zoned A1 (2)? It is not commercial as claimed.	Removed sign still there
Vacant Lot Southwest corner of Highway 14 of Crown Valley Road adjacent to north bound off ramp	Two off-premises signs advertising Preferred property Realtors Century 21 Tapadero Reality Fold-up type sign subdivision	Preferred sign 5-15-97 Tapadero Real converted to la sale 5-15-97 fold-up sign go

Antelope Valley Freeway northbound Adjacent to call box 14-504, adjacent to the freeway fence	A 4X8 sign "View homes from \$89,950 in Acton, next exit, then right".	
Antelope Valley freeway northbound at mile post marker 52.00, on a hill	"Lunch \$3.75 Malhi's Indian Cuisine in Lancaster"	
Antelope Valley Freeway northbound call box 14-566 Adjacent to call box 14-504	It is a blank sign covered with graffiti on top of a knoll adjacent to the freeway.	
California Recreational Vehicles at the Soledad Canyon off ramp	Banners affixed to their light poles	
Santiago and Soledad Canyon, Northwest corner.	One on Santiago and the other on Soledad	
Aliso and Soledad Canyon Southwest corner	One sign for Sterling Ridge subdivision	
Pepper Tree Liquor store 9661 Sierra Hwy. Agua Dulce	Illegal free standing sign. Attached below is a Camel sign and below it is a Marlboro sign The entire front of the building is covered with signs. The windows are covered with signs and there are signs tacked on the sides of the building, Behind the building is an abandoned single-wide trailer falling apart in very bad condition. Large amounts of storage including a converted camper bus, a boat, various other things wrapped with black plastic, and other debris. It looks like an urban junk yard	
Agua Dulce Canyon Road and Darling Road Northwest corner	Sign advertising a out of town Feed Store on vacant A1 lot	
Agua Dulce Hardware 33314 Agua Dulce Canyon Road	Free standing moveable type sign in parking lot	

I am sure while you are driving around you will probably find a number of other illegal signs.
Thank you very much, Charles Brink Jr.

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Regional Planning Commission Attn.: James Hartel Hall of Records 320 West Temple Street Room 150 Los Angeles CA. 900012 VIA FAX 213-974-6384
December 11, 1996 Re: Transit Mix EIR

Dear Mr. Hartel,

There will be a considerable community interest in the EIR for Transit Mix when it becomes public.

May I suggest that you provide us with a copy of the EIR in electronic form and we will post it on our Internet site. <http://www.Vanguardnews.com> This will reduce the number of copies that need to be distributed throughout the community. It will eliminate problems with people claiming they do not have access to it since many people in the community have Internet access.

The Vanguard is doing the same thing now, interestingly enough, for homeowner's associations in the San Fernando Valley by placing the EIR for the Van Nuys Airport

expansion on the Internet for them.

This will provide an excellent method to supplement your already good start at your Internet page. Let me know an approximate time the EIR will be available, and please add my name to the notice list, because I have been asked to respond to this issue by members of the community.

The standard procedure of one copy in a library twenty miles away isn't going to cut it anymore and I believe the Internet is a mechanism to save you cost and provide convenience to the community.

If I can be of any other service to you, please call.

Charles Brink

CC: Armen Minasian, 213-974-6453 Room 1341

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Written testimony at the April 7 1999 Transit Mix hearing

Result The response the comment period was extended to 6-14-99

Regional Planning Commission
Concerning: Transit Mix Surface Mining Permit
Gentlemen,

Re Transit Mix Hearing 4-7-99

I want to place a strong objection about the refusal of Transit Mix , their engineers, and the County to make the EIR available to the community in a form that they can participate in this process.

I have made two (12-11-96 and 3-20-99) written requests to the County as an agency, and the developer, for a copy that can be placed on the Internet so that the people in the community can review the file. They have been met by stony silence.

It is quite obvious that these groups do not want the public to know what's going on in the community, because of their genuine concerns about the project. It is my position that providing a single copy at a library twenty miles from the community is inadequate.

On the assumption that over 3000 people will be affected, and the assumption that it will take approximately 10 hours to read the EIR, that would represent some 30,000 hours, and based on the opening hours of the library that would require 9.6 years for the public to review the EIR in its present form. This is inadequate public disclosure and does not meet the standards required in the law for adequate public disclosure.

I therefore request that you postpone the hearing and order the developers and engineers to make a copy of this DEIR available in electronic form, so we can place it on the Internet without cost to them, or to the County. In this way the public may make adequate comment.

The so-called community groups in Agua Dulce, particularly the Chamber of Commerce and its closely affiliated groups, the Agua Dulce Civic, and the Town Council, have either supported or mounted no opposition to this project because they wish to urbanize the community and increase their businesses. They have tried their hardest to make sure this information does not get to the public.

Charles Brink

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Sept 2, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
And Members
... A. County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St #170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman + Members of Commission,

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand & gravel mining operation, as
proposed by Transit Mix Concrete.

This project should be denied
for the following reasons:

- 1) Negative impact on our real
estate market - loss of property
values.
- 2) Will destroy quality of ~~the~~ life
in Santa Clarita.
- 3) Noise levels
- 4) TRAFFIC

5) Air quality

Please Vote No to surface
mining in our community.

Sincerely,

Barbara Guerra
23503 Via Farol
Valencia, CA 91355



Pam A. McGuire
24106 Lyons Ave.
Newhall, CA. 91321
Bus. (805) 286-8600 x 533
Home (805) 297-3342
Pager (805) 222-0738



Esther Feldman, Chair & Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

September 10, 1999

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by transit mix concrete company.

This project should be denied because it will have a negative impact on property values in our area and will directly effect my clients, my business, and our community as a whole.

Please vote NO to surface mining in our community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pam", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pam A. McGuire, Realtor

Carmen Deligiro
53816 Webster Pl
Stevenson Ranch. CA 91381

September 2, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair & Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W Temple Street, Suite 120
Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

This letter is to urge you to oppose the sand & gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit mix concrete Company.

I am very concerned, I feel that the water sources will be depleted by this operation. The air quality will definitely be affected. This type of operation will destroy the quality of life we in Santa Clarita have and want to maintain. Health & safety of our residents is in danger. I am asking that this project be halted.

Thank You

Sincerely

Carmen Deligiro

September 2, 1999

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ESTHER FELDMAN, Chair
AND MEMBERS
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION
320 W. TEMPLE STREET, SUITE 110
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

DEAR CHAIR FELDMAN / MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION,

I AM WRITING TO URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE
SAND AND GRAVEL MINING OPERATION, AS PROPOSED
BY TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE COMPANY.

THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE DENIED BECAUSE IT
WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE REAL ESTATE MARKET
AND RESULT IN A LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUES. NOISE
LEVELS WILL INCREASE DUE TO THE FULL SCALE MINING,
BLASTING AND EXCAVATION. AGAIN I URGE YOU
TO OPPOSE THIS MINING OPERATION!

PLEASE VOTE NO TO SURFACE MINING IN OUR
COMMUNITY!

Sincerely,



STEVE MAGGIO

21657 MASTERSON CT.

SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350

Sept 2, 1999.

Los Angeles County Regional Commission.
 Att: Esther Feldman, Chair and Members.
 320 W. Temple St, #170.
 Los Angeles, Ca 90012.

Dear Chair Feldman and commission members.

This letter is to urge you to oppose the Sand and Gravel Mining Operation, Proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This operation is located too close to a densely populated area. Also the surface roads and local freeways are already over congested. Furthermore we personally have experienced 2 Broken Windshields from gravel Trucks. The dust is already visible in downwind areas. This operation will have a negative health effects and will effect property values in a negative manner.

Sincerely,

Mike Dix.

MICHAEL DIX
 25467 LANGSTON ST -
 LA 91215

September 2, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
and members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand
and gravel mining operation, as proposed by
Transit mix concrete company.

This project should be denied because:

The amount of dust and noise generated
by this project will disturb the peace
and quiet of a wonderful family
oriented city.

Additionally, the daily amount of
trucks will simply be intolerable.

Please vote no. to surface mining
in our community.

Sincerely

Esther Feldman

8/31/99

Esther Feldman chair and Members.

101 Angeles county Regional Commission

320 W. Temple St #170

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear chair Feldman & Members of the Commission

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel Mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix concrete company

This project should be denied because

- * it will negatively impact the real estate market and result in a loss of property values
- * jobs will be lost, as business moves elsewhere
- * air quality will be sacrificed, pollution will occur
- * endangering the health of residents and probably causes birth defect

Please vote NO to surface Mining in our community

Sincerely

Hedy Bercy

24630 Corderact
Inglewood CA 91355

Sept 2, '99

Esther Feldman, Chair
and Members

La. County Regional Commission
330 W. Temple St., Suite 170
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose
the sand & gravel mining operation, as
proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied
because:

- ① Impact our air quality.
 - ② Decreased housing prices -
 - ③ It's a blight on the area
- To say the very least!

I urge you to vote against
surface mining in our beautiful
community.

Sincerely,

Pat Riner
23222 - 8th St.
Oxnard, Ca 91321

9/2/99

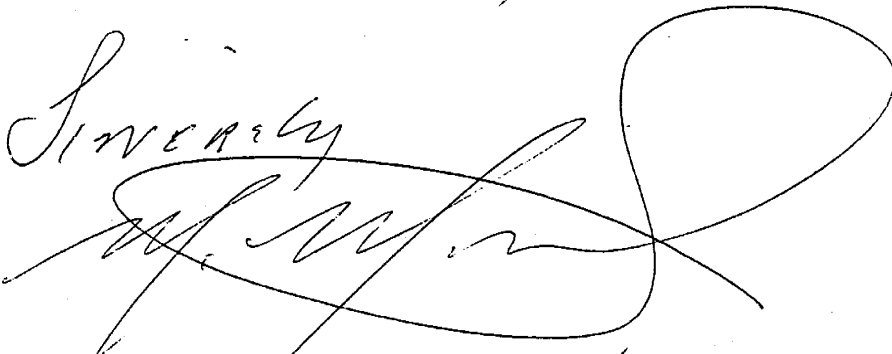
ESTER FELDMAN, CHAIR
AND MEMBERS.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION
320 W. TEMPLE STREET, Suite 170
LOS ANGELES, Ca 90012

I am writing you in opposition
to the proposed Sand and Gravel
Mining operation by the Transit
Mix Concrete Company.

This operation would severely
impact on community in a
negative way. The additional
pollution and traffic congestion
would be totally unacceptable.

Sincerely



M. McLaughlin
23450 SPACEBRUSH WAY
NEW HALL, Ca 91321

Sept. 2, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple St., Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman &
Members of the Commission

This letter is being written in
opposition to the sand and gravel
mining operation, as proposed by
Transit Mix Concrete Company.

The operation should be voted
against because the level of noise
will increase tremendously, our
water supply will decrease, and
the quality of our air will be
sacrificed -

Please vote NO to the surface
mining to our Valley.

Sincerely,

Mildred Lucera
25590 Novela Way
Valencia, CA 91355

Sept. 2, 1991

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Esther Feldman, Chair and Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple, Suite 170
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Dear Chair Feldman + Members of the Commission:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete company.

This project should be denied for many reasons. There will be an immediate loss of property values. It will disrupt the quiet peaceful life residents of the area expected would continue when they purchased their homes. Many residents are concerned about the pollution, both air and noise, that will definitely occur if this project goes forward.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,

Emily Taler
26735 Macmillan Brook Rd.
Santa Monica, Ca. 91351

September 1, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
And Members
Los Angeles County Regional Commission
320 W. Temple Street, Suite 170
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Feldman & Members of the Commission:

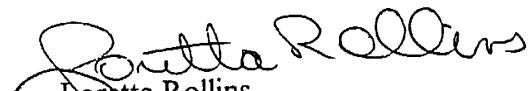
I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel mining operation, as proposed by Transit Mix Concrete Company.

This project should be denied because:

- It will negatively impact the real estate market and result in a loss of property values.
- It will result in a decrease in housing prices, after fighting to gain back equity lost in the early 90's recession.
- Jobs will be lost, as business moves elsewhere.
- It will destroy the extraordinary quality of life residents have come to expect in SCV.
- Noise levels will increase due to the full-scale mining, blasting and excavation.
- Water sources will be depleted by the mining operation; fear of contamination.
- Air Quality will be sacrificed; pollution will occur.
- The health and safety of area residents will become endangered.

Please vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely,


Loretta Rollins
25410 Fortuna Drive
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Dear Chair Feldman &
members of the Commission.

STAFF

- J. Moore
- J. Giffman
- B. Culbertson

This is just a short note to tell you about my concern about the proposed mining - project at Soledad Canyon road here in Canyon Country.

This project will have a really
bad effect on our little town
that now is doing so well and
is getting better by the day.

Thanks for listening.

Thanks for info.
P. Lund

ROINE ANDERSSON
16343 VALLEY RANCH RD

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16343 VALLEY RANCH RD
CANYON COUNTRY CA 91351



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Smp 91-165

ESTHER FELDMAN, CHAIR

AND MEMBERS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL COMMISSION

320 W. TEMPLE STREET, SUITE 170

LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

Dear CHAIR FELDMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the sand and gravel MINING operation, as proposed by TRANSIT MIX CONCRETE COMPANY.

This project should be denied because:

- 1) it's not good for our environment
- 2) it will be driving away lots of

businesses and investors

3) It will depreciate Real Estate Value of homes.

I vote no to surface mining in our community.

Sincerely

Garry W. Jumar

28638 Forest Meadow PL.

CASTAIC CA 91384

NANCY FLORES, ESQ.

Attorney at Law

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September 3, 1999

Esther Feldman, Chair
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
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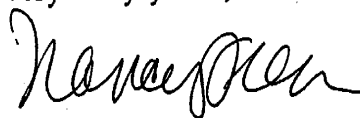
RE: Proposed sight for sand and gravel mining operation at 12101 Soledad
Canyon Road

Dear Ms. Feldman:

I am writing to vehemently protest the proposed industrial mining sight two miles east of the city of Santa Clarita. I am deeply aware of the inherent dangers of this type of mining to our air and water. It simply amazes me that the county of Los Angeles, who can now boast it has a city named as number five in the nation for its quality, including a low pollution risk, would destroy the national attraction Santa Clarita now holds to build a 'waste site' so near.

With all of the problems faced by so many L.A. cities, it does not make sense to allow surface mining to one of its stars. Please oppose this action on behalf of the city of Santa Clarita.

Very truly yours,



Nancy Flores, Esq.

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THE COMMUNITY OF AGUA DULCE COMMUNITY MEMBER COMMENT

C/O The Agua Dulce Town Council and
The Agua Dulce Civic Association
33201 Agua Dulce Canyon Road, Box #8, Agua Dulce, CA 91350

Regional Planning Commission
ATTN: Julie Moore, Project Planner
Los Angeles County
Impact Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Surface Mining Permit #91-165-(5)
Transit Mixed Concrete

FROM: Margo Karbacher
(Full name - Please print)

We, the undersigned, wish to include the following comments in the formal response made by the Agua Dulce Town Council and the Agua Dulce Civic Association to the above referenced project. We/I also request that you take these comments into consideration in your deliberations, and include our/my comments in the public record.

SIGNATURE: Margo Karbacher

DATE: 9.13.99

Comments:

Given the scope and intensity of this project the comment period should be extended by 60 to 120 days, because improper notification was given to surrounding school districts and neighborhoods. The public needs more time to hire experts in order to discover the extent of the projects impacts and adequacy of proposed mitigation measures.

Please consider the following comments in the assessment of the DEIR.

- 1) There is no mention of fencing around project site to prevent public access to blasting areas, or security if explosives are stored on Batch Plant Site, WHAT ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS MATTER?
- 2) monitor their own program for

WATER resources and through this system prevent damage of sensitive ecological habitats, yet their history at other mining sites around the country suggests that they can't be trusted to do that on their own. Where would the funding come from to monitor their use of water?

3) The potential for flooding seems extreme, yet TMCs treats these concerns with one 45 inch Culvert under Soledad Canyon Rd and a promise ~~the~~ to keep storm drains clean. Based on the weather history in this Area, these mitigations seem inadequate.

4) Why wasn't rail transport given more consideration? Most of the country's aggregate is ~~the~~ transported in that manner. Is cost the only real reason this was not considered?

5) 24 hour noise levels will increase by TMC's own admission. What will happen to our domestic tranquility?

6) The DEIR does not discuss the increased dangers of the mixing of industrial vehicle traffic with autos. Nor does it realistically describe the effects of the gross weights of the
(redacted comment)

project trucks and how that will destroy a road not suited for that kind of traffic. Soledad canyon Road is another victim in this proposed project, not to mention the commuters who use that road on a daily basis. Were the speed capabilities and road bed life of that road adequately discussed?

7) Now that the National Institute of Health has published reports tying in the breathing of PM10 and diesel fumes to respiratory problems the Air Quality issues associated with this project give it its fatal blow. How could humans do this to other humans?

8) Based on all of the above issues how could one figure that this project is compatible land use with what already exists in a five mile radius of the project.

The no project alternative is the only alternative if our quality of life or life itself is to be maintained.

Respectfully
Maurice Karbacher



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Sand ♦ Gravel ♦ Base Materials ♦ Ready-Mixed Concrete

November 15, 1999

Ms. Julie Moore, Project Manager
Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012-3225

ref: C.P. #91-165-5 Transit Mixed Concrete

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is written to express my concerns over the above referenced application by Southdown Corporation. My interest is somewhat unusual since I am the owner of the surface of the property involved in this permit application. This property has what is described as a "SPLIT ESTATE", which is a bit unusual. I own the surface, and the BLM seems to own the mineral estate.

My company operated a sand & gravel plant on the subject property for nearly 20 years from 1968 through the late 1980's. A change in the federal definition of **reserved minerals** on some federal homesteads, caused me to lose my rights to extract the underlying gravel and sand. As the owner of the surface estate, I receive absolutely no payment for the disturbance and inconvenience of this mining. Any surface use that I may plan, will be seen by the United States as secondary to the extraction of the minerals by their chosen contractor, Southdown/TMC. I am required to pay all property taxes associated with the property, both in its current vacant land state, as well as in its proposed condition as a producing mine. TMC has refused to take any responsibility for increased property taxes, and that refusal has always been supported by the words and actions of the BLM and The U.S. Attorney. They will be storing dangerous materials on my property, they will be fueling equipment on my property, and at all times I, as the property owner, will carry ultimate responsibility for clean up, even though I have no say in how this is all done. For this I get absolutely nothing.

After a review of the Operation Plan and DEIR, as submitted by TMC/Southdown, it is very clear to me that some of their planned operations are not discussed nor even hinted at in those documents. Since I am very familiar with operations in that particular pit, and knowledgeable of the industry in general, it is my opinion that many of their plans and proposed solutions are not even feasible. It is clear that the DEIR as submitted by TMC/Southdown is wholly inadequate.

There are some major environmental impacts that can not be overlooked. Most of the impacts can be mitigated, but would require a much smaller scale operation than is proposed by TMC. Some of my concerns are enumerated as follows:

- ▶ Air quality
 - Truck Exhaust
 - Air borne dust

14320 Soledad Canyon Road
P.O. Box 1367
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www.curtisgravel.com

► Water pollution and supply

No provision for production waste settling ponds - Their operational plans do not discuss any provisions for the inevitable waste produced from this kind of operation. They show that they will be pumping enormous quantities of water, but yet do not show what happens to this water once it has been used to wash sand and gravel, and becomes laden with fine silt. This silt laden wash water is normally captured in huge settling basins, where the water has to be allowed to evaporate, and the remaining silt hauled to a waste facility for disposal.

Their operational plan hints at some sort of water reclamation plan, but does not elaborate on this very important issue. Without an elaborate reclamation plan it is impossible to operate a washing plant as they propose.

► Traffic Issues

The drastic increase of truck traffic on ALL the roads leading to the location are going to be much more pronounced than is alluded to in their plan and EIR.

Their plan under estimates the numbers of trucks that will be using the two lane roadway from the plant to Highway 14. This roadway WILL NOT be able to handle the substantial increase in traffic.

► Mine Wastes

Their plan shows that they will leave over 26 million tons of waste material on the surface of my property when they finish the 20 year permit.

The federal regulations allow the material contractor to enter upon my property and extract and remove the mineral materials for which they have contracted. This removal must INCLUDE the fine portion of the production that their DEIR has classified as waste. **As a matter of regulation, they do not have any permission to leave over 30 million tons of waste product on my property.**

Since this particular issue has been ignored by both the BLM and TMC, one has to think that they believe they have rights to use the surface that are not provided for in Federal Law. Since this material HAS to be moved, the traffic report will have to be changed to show the extra truck trips required to transport this material off my property, and a major portion of the plan itself will have to be re-done to show deletion of the waste from my surface holding.

Appropriate legal challenges will be made if this plan is allowed to be approved without requiring that the waste be removed from my property.

Throughout a 12 year battle with the BLM over the rights to this property, we have experienced any number of acts by the BLM that show a nearly complete disregard

for our rights as property owner, as well as the rights of the taxpayers of the United States. To the contrary, they have made numerous decisions that are in contradiction with the rules provided in CFR (Code Of Federal Regulations) 43, governing this type of sale by the government.

With this knowledge, I have great concern about the way the BLM will treat the County and the community as a whole when they enforce terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has been negotiated between them and the State of California. This MOU provides for control over operations like this be placed ONLY in the hands of the BLM. The County of Los Angeles will have almost no control over the operation once it has been approved. A careful analysis of the MOU by County Counsel is imperative prior to any consideration of this application.

There has been a lot of comment by both TMC and the BLM about the income producing benefit to the United States from payments for the materials sold from the site. The fact is that TMC has yet to make any of the required payments to the United States Government since the signing of the contract. For nearly 8 years, the BLM and TMC have effectively "pigeon-holed" this resource so that they can benefit from it when the market might better absorb the quantities they propose to produce. This is without regard, again, to the applicable provisions of the CFR in this case.

This Operational Plan is not a good one for the county nor is it a good one for the environment. The aggregates required for this region can be removed from the pit without the negative impacts that will surely result from TMC's plan. It is very clear that they plan to ship materials as far as southern Orange County from this location. Is it reasonable to assume that the people of this local area should suffer the indignities of this operation and the arrogance of the BLM for the benefit of consumers well outside the normal delivery/consumption area for these products?

Sincerely,

Ben W. Curtis
President

cc: The Honorable Howard, "Buck", McKeon, U.S. Representative
The Honorable Pete Knight, California State Senator
The Honorable George Runner, California Assemblyman

Proposed L.A. County Soledad Canyon Sand & Gravel Mining Project

Comment Form

Date: 9/21/99

Name/Title: Linda Croad

Representing: myself

Address: 12026 Darling Rd

City: Agua Dulce State: CA Zip: 91350

Telephone: daytime 818 375-3094 Fax: 818-375-3419

Comments: Dear Sir: I am an infectious disease specialist
treating patients with many different infectious /contagious
illnesses. I am extremely worried about the exposure to
Coccidiomycosis that the Santa Clarita Valley and
Acton Agua Dulce area will incur with this very
extensive invasive mining project. This infection is
spread by dust. It causes very serious disease -
pneumonia, disseminated infection, lung infection and meningitis
All cause disability and time off work. The lung infection
and meningitis cannot be cured. The meningitis may
cause death. After the earthquake in 1994, we had
an epidemic with multiple deaths. I hate to think
what this mining project may do to the numbers of infections
and deaths from Coccidiomycosis. The meningitis and these
diseases are treated for life at great cost. We are already
living in highly endemic areas. UCLA limited their
students from even digging at Vasquez Rocks due to the

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RE: Surface Mining Permit #91-165-(5)
Trasit Mixed Concrete

FROM: *Mr & Mrs Darrel Furestnow*
(Full name - Please print)

We, the undersigned, wish to include the following comments in the formal response made by the Agua Dulce Town Council and the Agua Dulce Civic Association to the above referenced project. We also request that you take these comments into consideration in your deliberations, and include our comments in the public record.

SIGNATURE *Mrs. Darrel Furestnow*

DATE: *10-10-99*

Air pollution in Central Valley linked to heart attack deaths

By JOHN D. COX
Scripps-McClatchy
Western Service

SACRAMENTO — Fine-particle air pollution appears to be linked to heart attack deaths in the Central Valley, a new study confirmed Wednesday.

Conducted by the Health Effects Task Force of the American Lung Association of Sacramento, the study compared results in large databases of mortality and air pollution.

"I was a little startled," said Thomas Cahill, a University of California, Davis, professor who lead the team that analyzed the data. "I did not expect the association to be so strong."

Confirming research done in other parts of the country, the study found what Cahill and research associate Theresa McCarthy described as "a strong and consistent association" between the particulate matter of 10-micron or less — a key national

pollution standard — and cardiac mortality.

"The cardiac death rate in Shasta and Butte counties was 30 percent less than that of Sacramento and Yolo counties," the study said, "while Tulare and Kern counties in the southern San Joaquin Valley were 23 percent higher than Sacramento and Yolo." The study said the rise in mortality tracks the 10-micron particulate matter concentrations in the same counties.

"The tilt from Redding to Bakersfield is pretty dramatic," said Cahill, noting the northern Sacramento Valley enjoys some of the cleanest air in the region while the southern San Joaquin Valley is most polluted.

"It's amazing how rapidly the pollution drops when you go north of Sacramento," he said.

Fine-particle pollution derives from industrial sources such as power plants, factories and diesel engines, as well as household sources such as chimney smoke and even barbecues.

The study, which included work by David Pipnick at California State University, Sacramento, is part of a larger effort by the Lung Association to determine whether health studies conducted primarily in eastern, more-industrialized cities are applicable to California.

Those studies, which prompted the Clinton administration last year to call for tighter 2.5-micron particle pollution standards, also found a correlation between fine-particle pollution and heart attack deaths.

Cahill said the Central Valley study "tells me that local and national efforts to further focus on the effects of fine-particle pollution are warranted and necessary to protect public health."

The data was presented this week at a two-day technical forum by the California Air Resources Board on monitoring for 2.5-micron particles in the state.

John D. Cox writes for the Sacramento Bee. *Signal 9/20/98*

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To Whom It May Concern;

February 22 1999

I am writing your company this letter concerning a job site opening in Saladad. I would appreciate it if you could take the time to read this letter.

I have been employed with the company SouthDown California Aggregates, Inc. since July of 1998. It is a very good company to work for because of all the things they reward their employee's with. For example, they offer Medical Insurance, 401K plan and they also supply us with our work uniforms. The company guarantees us 40+ hours a week, they also give us our bonus checks twice throughout the year. All of my fellow staff members are friendly and generous to work with.

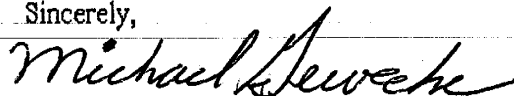
A few disadvantages I would like you to know about would be that we would suffer from if your company doesn't open this site for us, many of us would be out of a job. Some of us would have to find a new job site to work at. It would be hard to find a good paying job close to home or even driving distance. Most jobs don't offer Medical Insurance at a reasonable price.

Our company is good on the other hand since you don't have to wait one year before you can enroll in the 401K plan. The Insurance like I said is really a good price compared to other companies. Most companies don't offer bonus checks to their employees let alone two bonus checks a year.

Most of us employed here would like to retire out from this company rather than switching jobs all the time. If we don't get to move our company we would not be able to retire like we would like to. Not only would the employees suffer from this, the families involved with the employee would also have to adjust to the pay cut. Me personally, can't take that chance because within the next 5 months plan on getting married. I wouldn't be able to without my income that I bring home right now with this company. That's only thinking about the wedding not to mention the house payment we will have the other bills. Plus, when we start thinking about having a family we will definitely need that income. That's how I would suffer from the loss of the company if we couldn't move our job site.

I hope that some of these subjects prove to you that we all need our jobs and hope that you will consider letting us move over to Saladad. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Gewecke

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STAFF

*Culbertson, Gutierrez,
Moore*

March 30, 1999
Lancaster, California

TO: The Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street.
Los Angeles, CA. 90021

FROM: Dean Webb
Lancaster, Calif. 93535

SUBJECT: Agua Dulce (Soledad Canyon) Mining Permit

A brief introduction of my reasons for putting some thoughts on paper about the proposed sand and gravel mine in Soledad Canyon. I realize the need for this type of mine in the building and construction area of Southern California. I make many trips between Lancaster and Los Angeles for medical and other reasons and find returning by Soledad Canyon a relaxing and pleasant part of the trip. The Canyon contains water most of the year along with wildlife such as many types of birds. When I have traveled on the Metrolink the unique nature of the Canyon from the other side is worth trying to preserve. The Canyon's history was documented in a book on the San Gabriels Mountains by Mr. John W. Robinson. I would like to see not only the Mining Company getting what they are requesting but also the general public receiving a benefit. This would be good P.R. for the Transit Mix Concrete Company and providing an educational service in addition.

A small parking area along the road with a educational Kiosk for literature and a picnic table would provide a nice resting point along the Canyon. If this was placed behind a small part of the mountain left along the road much of the noise and the visual impact of the mining would be reduced. This area should be posted for day use only and the Kiosk and displays would be locked in the evening. Some representative plants removed for the mining operation could be replanted and identified. The geology of the Soledad Canyon and the adjacent San Gabriels Mountains could be explained. The listings and drawings of the birds and animals found along the Santa Clara River along with the vegetation would be educational. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) which traverses the Soledad Canyon a few miles up could be described. The National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), local historical societies and L.A. County may want to place some informational pamphlets at the location.

The Mining Company could put-up a display on the steps they are taking to minimize the environmental impact on the area and how the 500 acres could be returned to a semi-natural condition when the mining is completed. The parking and education area should be maintained not only for car use but for the bicyclist and hikers

traveling through the Canyon. When the mining operation is complete the site should be re-vegetated with native plants with some bicycling and walking paths installed. By not leaving the land as an eyesore both the mining operation and the general public will come out ahead. Soledad Canyon is not only steeped in history but has a lot to offer the person seeking a slower pace than the hectic Hi-way 14 route a few miles away.

Sincerely Yours

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TO: DR. Darryl Kautnik,
LA. Planning Com.
From: ALAN B THOMAS -
MINING OPERATIONS FOREMAN - TMC - AZUSA
RE: Soledad Mining Project - TMC

Sir,

I have been a resident of the Los Angeles Area since 1959, except for the time I spent in the Marine Corps. I've lived and worked in this area, I am a State licensed Contractor and have owned and operated 2 Contracting busn. in this area.

As you know the construction industry took a big hit, I found myself in an industry with very little work and a lot of competition. I eventually found myself driving a truck for a living making little money working for Companies that saw me as just another number - to say that my American dream had been shattered would be an understatement. 3 1/2 years ago things changed, I applied for a job at Transit Mixed Concrete, I applied for a Heavy Equipment operator -

Please note that I had no prior experience on heavy equipment, I told them if I could be trained I would make it worth there time, I asked them to take my word,

It would have been easier for them to hire someone with experience, but they didn't, they took my word, since then I've been trained on all types of mining equipment, and am now a foreman -

I've been sent to many seminars and receive constant training on safety & management

I live in a two story house with a pool and support my family comfortably. I would not be where I am now if it were not for the ~~op~~ chance TMC gave me, I now train others in heavy equipment so they too can better there lives. I am not a number - I am living the American Dream! -

There are other aspects of this company that should be noted,

① They do care about Ecology!

I've seen this company spend a lot of money for new equipment, They could have saved a lot of money buying older equipment, I was told

and no oil loss, It should be noted that some of this equipment will not be used at Salodad and will be sold at a considerable loss in a few years - they didn't have to spend extra money here at the Azusa plant but they did, because being ~~an~~ environment friendly is a way of life! untill I worked here I didn't think that such a company really existed, I am more ecology minded in my personal life because of what I've learned here.

- ② TMC is involved in the community here again money is being spent to better the quality of life.

Sir, I made \$60,000 last year, I know the buck doesn't go as far as it used to, but that's still good money. When Salodad opens I plan on buying a nice house very close to the plant. I believe in the company I work for and am proud to be a part of it, I believe the Salodad plant will open opportunities for others such as myself who would other wise be stuck in lower paying jobs, Please help keep my dream a reality I believe. TMC will - D R A L

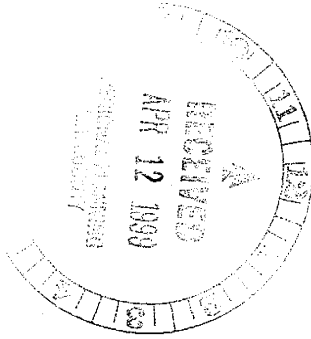
be a benefit to the community,
your help in this matter would
be greatly appreciated, If there
is any thing I can do to help
Please feel free to contact me
at -

ALAN B THOMAS
17062 DOLPHIN CT
FONTANA, CA, 92336
909-357-1811

Thank you
Alan B Thomas -

4564 via de la Plaza
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

April 6, 1999



Dr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Dr. Koutnik,

Re: SOLEDAD QUARRY

I am writing to you regarding my support for the Soledad Quarry and the concern that I have that this project receives its required permit from the County of Los Angeles as soon as possible.

I am presently a Loadout Operator at TMC's Azusa Quarry operation and have worked for them for approximately 3 ½ years. The Soledad Quarry is very important to the long-term benefit for my family and me.

Last year I was able to earn over \$ 60,000. TMC is a responsible and safe company that can provide the types of job like mine with the Soledad Quarry project.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my concerns to you in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack C. Lucey".

Jack C. Lucey

Cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich



Bill Campbell
Branch Manager

Applied Industrial Technologies
5380 Third Street
Irwindale, CA 91706-2060
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626 814 4587 Fax

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April 7, 1999

**Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Applied Industrial Technologies has worked with Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC), a division of Southdown, Inc., supplying them with belts, bearings and other parts for their aggregate mill and other heavy equipment. TMC has applied for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area.

TMC is a reputable, environmentally concerned organization which is a credit to the community. They generate many good jobs and contribute greatly to the tax base of the area. Applied Industrial Technologies is pleased to do business with firms like TMC and request that you approve their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

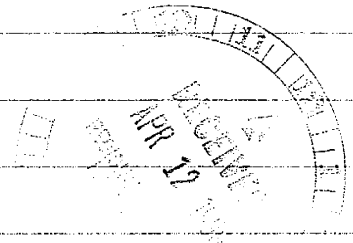
Sincerely,


Bill Campbell

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April 7, 1949

ATTN OF: DR. DARRYL KORTNIK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
320 W. TEMPLE ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012



REFERENCE: SOLEDAD MINING PROJECT & TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CO.

CC: SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH

GREETINGS:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER IN THE HOPES OF AIDING THE FINAL APPROVAL FOR SOLEDAD MINING PROJECT AND TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE CO.

I AM CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH TMC AS A CRUSHER OPERATOR, ^{RATE} AT A HOURLY SALARY OF 16.40, FOR THE PAST 3 1/2 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED WITH TMC FOR OVER 13 YEARS. MY PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY, IS TO MONITOR THE INTERIM PROCESS FOR AGGREGATE BEING SENT TO THE MILL.

TMC HAS TAKEN A LOT OF TIME TO TRAIN ME FOR MY CURRENT POSITION, THROUGH ITS SAFETY SEMINARS, VARIOUS HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT HANDLING, AND FIRST AID, TO INCLUDE CPR. YET, IT DOESN'T STOP THERE, PERIODICALLY, I AM SENT BACK FOR REFRESHER COURSES.

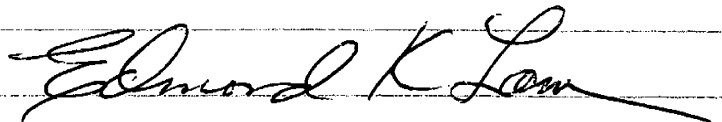
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I AM A NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES AND HAVE CLAIMED
RESIDENCE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR OVER 47 YEARS,
OF WHICH 4 YEARS WAS SPENT IN THE MILITARY DURING
THE 60'S. I HAVE CURRENTLY MADE MY HOME IN CHINO HILLS,
FOR THE PAST 8 YEARS. I BELIEVE IN LOS ANGELES,
ITS GROWTH AND FUTURE AND I WANT TO CONTINUE TO
BE A PART OF IT.

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION
IN THIS MATTER.

I REMAIN, RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

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EDMOND K. LAM

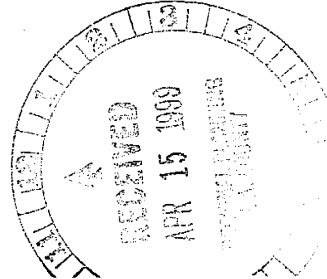
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April 7, 1999



Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

American First Aid has been providing Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC), a division of Southdown, Inc., first aid and safety supplies for their aggregate operations. We support TMC's application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area, and request that you approve their application.

TMC is an environmentally conscious and reputable company. Their sand and gravel mining operations generate many jobs and contribute greatly to the area's economy. American First Aid is pleased to do business with firms like TMC and would appreciate the Planning Commission's support in the permit approval process for TMC's new mining operation in the Soledad area.

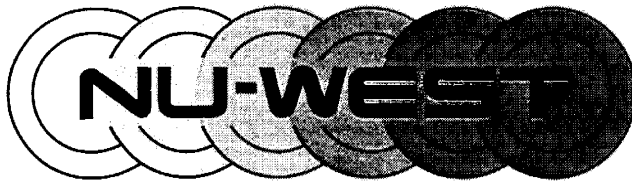
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Robert Sklar

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AND RUBBER SUPPLY COMPANY

A Division of B.R.D. Inc.

April 7, 1999

**Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**



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Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Nu West Fabrication provided Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC), a division of Southdown, Inc., contractor services for the construction of their new building. Working with TMC, we have found that they are a reputable, environmentally concerned organization which generates many jobs in the area.

We understand that TMC has applied for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Nu West Fabrication supports this measure and we request that you approve their application. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Wilson



April 8, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Neff Rentals has been providing Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC), a division of Southdown, Inc., rental equipment such as forklifts and manlifts for their aggregate operations. We support TMC's application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area, and request that you approve their application.

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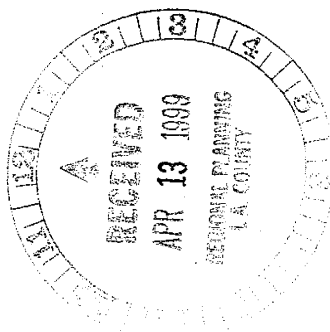
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Ewoniuk', written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Ewoniuk

April 08, 1999



Daniel Ochoa
646 San Benito Ave.
Colton, Ca. 92324

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing your company this letter concerning a job site opening in Soledad I would appreciate it if you could take the time to read this letter.

I have been employed with the company TMC, SINCE OCTOBER OF 1995, my type of job is RepairMan, My Hourly Wage is \$18.15. It is a very good company to work for because of all the things they reward their employee's with. For example, they offer Medical Insurance, 401K plan and they also supply us with our work uniforms, The company guarentees us 40+ hours a week, they also give us our bonus checks twice throughout the year. All of my fellow staff members are friendly and generous to work with.

A few disavantages I would like you to know about would be that we would suffer from if your company doesn't open this site for us, many of us would be out of a job. Some of us would have to find a new job site to work at. It would be hard to find a good paying job close to home or even driving distance. Most jobs don't offer Medical Insurance at reasonable price.

Our company is good on the other hand since you don't have to wait one year before you can enroll in the 401K plan. The insurance like I said is really a good price compare to other companies. Most companies don't offer bonus checks to their employees let alone two bonus checks a year.

Most of us employed here would like to retire out from this company rather than swithching jobs all the time. If we don't get to move our company we would not be able to retire like we would like to.

Not only would the employees suffer from this, the families involved with the employee would also have to adjust to the pay cut.

April 9, 1999



Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Surface Mining Permit Number 91-165, Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel
Mining Project

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support of the above referenced project. I
am employed in the construction industry and am a resident of an area that will
benefit from the availability of materials from the subject quarry.

Sincerely,

Salvador Perez
12889 Bromont Ave.
Sylmar, CA 91342

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April 9, 1999

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C. A. R. CO.

Darryl Koutnik
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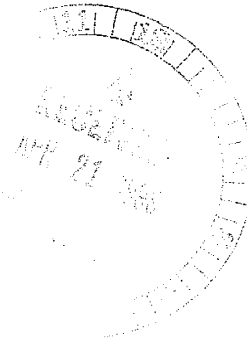
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Sincerely,

VICTOR-M-A-ESPINOZA

Victor Espinoza
15138 Nurmi St.
Sylmar, CA 91342

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Sincerely,

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Jeff Hicks
15101 Kingsbury St.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

April 9, 1999

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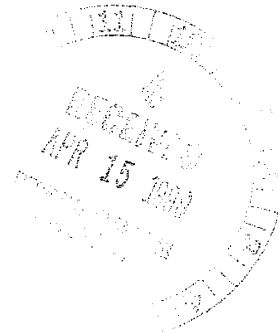
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Sincerely,

Richard Beeson

Richard Beeson
22506 Los Rogues Dr.
Saugus, CA 91350

April 9, 1999



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Sincerely,

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Leonard Lambdin
24390 Crestview Dr.
Newhall, CA 91321

April 9, 1999

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Regional Planning Commission
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Sincerely,

Santiago Serrano
14651 Hiawatha St.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

April 9, 1999

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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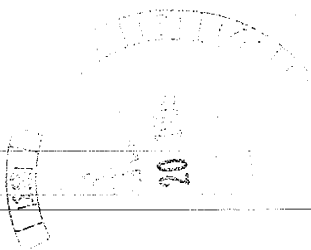
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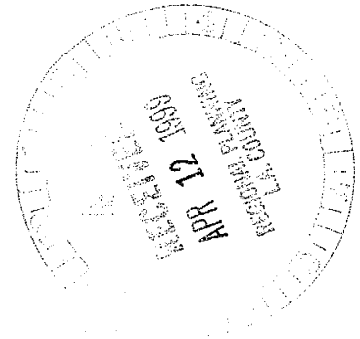
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Federico B. Carrillo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Federico Carrillo
319 N. Huntington St.
San Fernando, CA 91340



Mitchell T. Mendez
2930 Tuolumne Place
Ontario, CA 91764



April 9, 1999

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

I am writing to you regarding my strong support for the Soledad Quarry and the concern that I have that this project receives its required permit from the County of Los Angeles as soon as possible.

I have lived in Los Angeles County for 29 years. I am currently employed as a Universal Operator at TMC's Azusa Quarry operation. I have been an employee of TMC for the past three years, earning an annual income of \$60,000.

The Soledad Quarry is very important to the long-term benefit for my family and me. I recently purchased a home for my family, which consists of my wife and twin-18 month old daughters. Both my daughters attend a private day care and my wife is continuing her education. My employment has made all these things possible, from mortgage to day care to tuition.

TMC is a responsible and safe company. It provides numerous classes and seminars for its employees concerning issues such as crane safety, CPR, forklift safety and environmental first response. In addition, TMC holds weekly safety classes and ensures that all employees are aware of proper equipment use, safety precautions and clean-up of all and any oil spills. Furthermore, TMC is in compliance with all environmental regulations as well as mining, safety and health administration (MSHA) codes. TMC Southdown has proven itself to be a major force in the market of aggregate and cement production.

In closing, I would like to restate my strong support for the Soledad Quarry. We need your support as well. Thank you for allowing me to submit my concerns to you in this letter.

Sincerely,

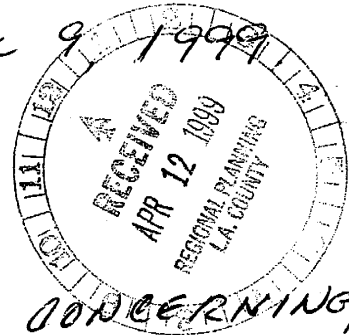
Mitchell T. Mendez

Cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

BRUNO R. TINAJERO
5370 EDNA ST. #7
L.A. CA. 90032

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER CONCERNING
A JOB SITE OPENING IN SOLEDAD, I WOULD
APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD TAKE THE TIME TO
READ THIS LETTER.

I AM A LEGAL ALIEN LIVING IN THE U.S.
FOR THE LAST 23 YEARS, AND I HAVE BEEN
EMPLOYED WITH THE COMPANY SOUTH DAWN
CALIFORNIA AGGREGATES, INC. SINCE OCTOBER 1994
AS A JANITOR AND GENERAL CLEAN UP MAINTENANCE
WORKER, WITH AN HOURLY WAGES OF
\$12.00, IT IS A VERY GOOD COMPANY TO WORK
FOR BECAUSE OF ALL THE THINGS THEY
REWARD THEIR EMPLOYEES WITH, FOR EXAMPLE
THEY OFFER MEDICAL INSURANCE, 401K PLAN
AND THEY ALSO SUPPLY US WITH OUR WORK
UNIFORMS, THEY WARRANTS US 40+ HOURS
A WEEK, THEY ALSO GIVE US OUR BONUS CHECKS
TWICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO TO SAY SOME-
THING WITH SOME OVER TIME I MAKE LIKE

AROUND \$30,000.~ A YEAR WHICH IS NOT BAD FOR BE A JANITOR, AND ALL OF MY FELLOW STAFF MEMBERS ARE FRIENDLY AND GENEROUS TO WORK WITH.

SO THE MATTER OF WRITING THIS LETTER IS TO LET YOU KNOW EVERY BODY WORKING HERE AT TRANSIT MIXED CO. AZUSA QUARRY WISH KEEP THE JOB, AND IN A FUTURE WHEN SOLEDAD CANYON TRANSFER OUR JOBS TO THERE AND CONTINUE WORKING FOR THIS COMPANY, MOST OF US EMPLOYED HERE WOULD LIKE TO RETIRE OUT FROM THIS COMPANY RATHER THAN SWITCHING JOBS ALL THE TIME.

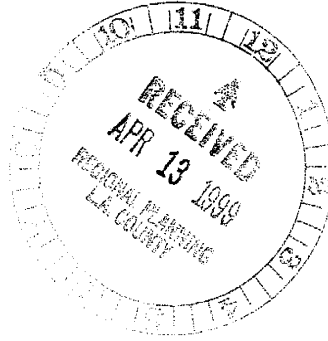
THINKING ABOUT HAVING A FAMILY WE WILL DEFINITELY NEED INCOME, I HOPE SOME OF THESE SUBJECTS PROVE TO YOU THAT WE ALL NEED OUR JOBS AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER LETTING US MOVE OVER TO SOLEDAD, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. -

P.D. ALSO I'M A 55 YEARS OLD MAN, IT'S GOING A BE DIFFICULT TO GET A NEW JOB AT MY AGE.

SINCERELY :



BRUNO R. TINAJERO



April 9, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Koutnik:

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As an employee of Southdown/TMC, the mining company permitted to mine the site, I would like to bring to your attention this critical issue facing the county. Currently, Los Angeles County receives its material, called aggregate, from several sites; however, because of a diminishing supply, the county is projected to run out of material by the year 2016. The San Fernando Valley is projected to be depleted of aggregate material by 2001.

Without new permits, the county will not have the resources necessary to build public works projects including schools, highways, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects and wastewater treatment facility expansions, in addition to having material available for maintenance projects.

Southdown/TMC has worked in the county for decades to provide the aggregate materials needed for county growth, development and improvement.

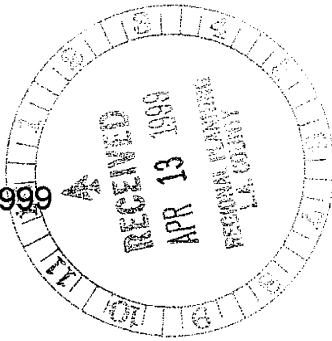
Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns, and I would appreciate your support of this critical county-wide project.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Matthew J. Caffrey".

Matthew J. Caffrey
Accounting Supervisor
Southdown Concrete Products, Inc.

April 9, 1999



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Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Very truly yours,

SOUTHDOWN, INC.

John B. Tiberi, Sr.
Director of Sales and Marketing
Southdown California Aggregates, Inc.

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2360 Shasta Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065 • (805) 527-9330 • (805) 527-2110

April 9, 1999

County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission
c/o Darryl Koutnik
320 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Surface Mining Permit Number 91-165, Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project

C. A. Rasmussen Company ("Rasmussen") is owner of property located in the unincorporated Soledad Canyon area of the County of Los Angeles. Rasmussen has leased that property to Transit Mixed Concrete Company ("TMC") in order to facilitate the implementation of TMC's contracts with the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management ("BLM").

Rasmussen agrees with the BLM that implementation of the TMC project is in the public interest. As a practical matter, Rasmussen is engaged in the business of constructing necessary public infrastructure works including the grading and construction of roadways. Much of the work that we do is located within the San Fernando Valley and City of Santa Clarita. Our first hand knowledge of the road construction needs of the Santa Clarita and San Fernando areas tell us that the beginning of the answer to how we can provide for the regions infrastructure needs starts at the quarry, during the excavation and aggregate manufacturing process.

Even without another seismic event such as the Northridge earthquake, our region has a growing need for aggregate resources as our population expands. Please assist us in serving the public interest by approving this necessary project.

Sincerely,

Dean Rasmussen
Managing Partner

April 9, 1999

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

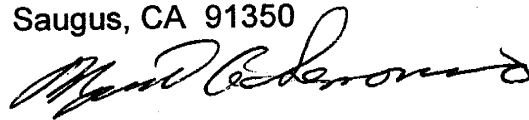
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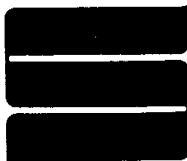
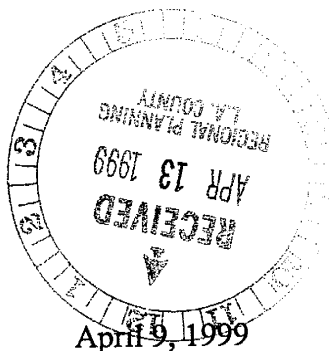
Dear Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Miguel Serrano
22605 Decoro Dr.
Saugus, CA 91350





Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Koutnik:

I am writing to express my support for Southdown/TMC's proposed mining project in Soledad Canyon in unincorporated northern Los Angeles County. As an employee of Southdown/TMC, I have worked in facilities similar to the one proposed for Soledad Canyon and have seen the increasing need for the sand and gravel material used in ready-mix concrete.

I have witnessed, firsthand, the amount of material, known as aggregate, that is taken from our facility to be used in public works projects, including schools, highways, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects, and wastewater treatment facility expansions, in addition to having material available for maintenance projects.

The San Gabriel Valley is running out of material. Our largest current site, in Azusa, is nearly depleted. With construction, development and maintenance of projects throughout the Valley increasing every day, it is important to find materials that will allow the San Gabriel Valley to continue its projects.

The project in Soledad Canyon proposes to mine 56 million tons of aggregate material. This amount is a fraction of the aggregate material necessary for Los Angeles County to keep pace with the amount it uses. Without this location, materials would have to be trucked in from Palmdale, at an increased distance of 25 miles and increased cost of \$3.00 per ton for the extra miles traveled.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns on this project. I would appreciate your support of this critical project in Los Angeles County and I look forward to your response on how we will tackle this critical issue.

Sincerely,

John Aube
Territory Manager

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April 12, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Shepherd is in support of Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Our company works with TMC, a division of Southdown, Inc., supplying them with Caterpillar products for their aggregate operations.

We feel that TMC is a reputable, environmentally concerned organization which is a credit to the community. They generate jobs and contribute greatly to the tax base of the area. Shepherd is pleased to do business with firms like TMC and we request that you approve their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis Daniels

Los Angeles Headquarters
10006 Rose Hills Rd.
Whittier, CA 90601
(562) 463-4000

P.O. Box 226789
Los Angeles, CA
90022-0489

Lancaster
46101 N. Sierra Hwy.
Lancaster, CA 93534
(805) 942-1177

Foothill Ranch
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County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

We at Auras Garage would like to express our support for Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Our company has been servicing TMC's trucks, and we feel that they are a reputable, environmentally concerned organization. Their new operation would be an asset to the community by providing employment opportunities, and by providing the additional aggregate materials needed for the Los Angeles region.

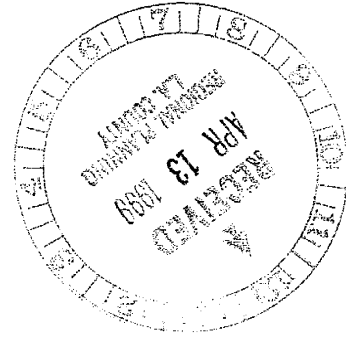
Auras Garage is pleased to do business with TMC and request that you approve their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad area. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Al Hendry Sr. Partner
Al Hendry

626-334-2111

REGIONAL CREDIT DEPARTMENT



April 12, 1999

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Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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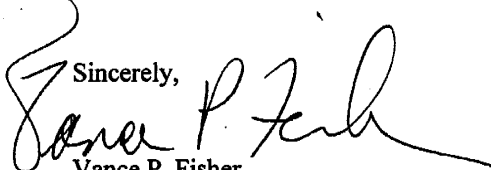
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Thank you for taking the to review my concerns and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project.

Sincerely,

Vance P. Fisher

Omero Reyes
1300 Saratoga Ave[#] 2106
Ventura CA. 93003

Dear Supervisor Antenuich

I am a Dozer operator and
work for T M C I been
working for about one year
I enjoy my job I like
it because we have a lot
of benefit. I make 17⁰⁰ Dollars
a hour Me and my family
depend on the job because
their work all year round
T M C. is a good place
to work for I have enjoyed
and keep enjoying it for a lot
of year to come.

Omero Reyes

4-12-99

TO: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

My Name is FRANCISCO ISIGORDIA living in Tujunga Ca., And Am now working with T.M.C. at Moorpark Ca. To me having ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the scheduled plant open would be a good because I could transfer to that plant and be closer to home. My job with T.M.C. as a pit truck operator with a pay at 15.50 an hour, which is very good pay from where I use to work 5 month ago.

7068 SHADY GROVE ST
TUJUNGA Ca 91042
Tel (818) 353-8714

Francisco Isigordia
FRANCISCO ISIGORDIA

Mr Antmarch

Phillip CERUANTEZ

738 DEL Valle

Fillmore, Calif

9305

PLANT MAINTENANCE Employees For TIME
FOR THE LAST 6 month The starting wages
are Very well The Company is care on
Safe & INVIOLMENT they work with they
Employee and Help them when ever possible
I feel that it would be a good
thing For the City and the People.
I feel with you support. there will
be more Work in that County

Yours Truly
Mr Phillip Ceruantez.

Dear Supervisor Antonovich

My name is Dennis Alami and I
load trucks for T.M.C. at the Warpark
plant T.M.C. pays me good money and it
helps me make a good life for me and my
family I am behind T.M.C. in opening
the new plant in Cya County T.M.C. is a
good a safe place to work I feel safe
working for T.M.C.

Dennis Alami
258 super ave. Fillmore
93015

0000110 11
Marcos Alvarez Lugo

Tipo de trabajo Mantenimiento **IS-32**

Tengo 3 Semanas en la Compañia
Gano 17. Dolares por Hora

Este trabajo es muy importante para mi
y mi Familia porque es mi principal
Fuente de ingreso

Para Mi esta Compañia y sus dirigentes
Son muy competitivos y serviciales

Marcos Alvarez Lugo
8800 Kester Ave #140
Panorama City Ca 91402

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James R. Bawn
6438 Penn St SE
Maple Park CA 93021

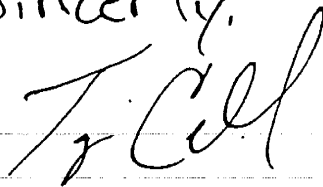
Dear supervisor Antonovich
I work for Time. It's a good company to
work for. It pays good. salary. I can
do as go live in ca. and have
a good boss. I work for Time from 10 am.

Jim Bawn
4/12/99

DEAR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

I've been working here at TMC in Moorpark for almost 2 years and i've been very happy with the company. I started out as a conveyorman and now am a plant operator running the belt press. What's really good about the company is that it allows you to have a oportunity to learn different occupations and make better wages. My wages are ~~15.50~~ 15.50 an hour and am very pleased. By working here at TMC its allowed me to buy own house for my family. I have a daughter and wife who is very pleased. TMC also provides very good benefits and a safe envirimnt to work at. I really look forward to staying here working at TMC and retirering here one day.

Sincerely,



TORY CABRAK
316 RHODES CT.
FILLMORE Ca. 93015

DEAR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

MY NAME IS MAURICIO MURILLO I AM A ROCK PLANT
OPERATOR FOR TMC. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE
COMPANY FOR 5 YEARS. I MAKE 18 DOLLARS AN HOUR
THE PROJECT AT SOLEDAD IS IMPORTANT TO ME
BECAUSE TO SUPPORT MY WHOLE FAMILY

Sincerely Mauricio Murillo

MAURICIO MURILLO
1720 1ST ST
SIMI VALLEY CA 93065

DEAR SUPER VISAR ANTONOVICH

my name es Rosalia Franco
yo trabajo para T.M.C.
y estoy. Feliz de trabajar aqui
estoy agusto con todos mis compañeros
de trabajo. x me tratan bien
me pagan bien mi familia
esta-contenta por que vivimos
bien x. no. tengo de que quejarme
me dan Buenos Beneficios
x esto conforme con todo

Gracias T.M.C

Rosalio Franco
3418. HELMS AV #2
Culver City -
CA 90132

Dear Supervisor Antonovich

IS-37

My name is Richard Thompson. I started out working as a Mechanic at P.W. Gillibrand. I came to TMC two years ago. It was the best move I've ever made. At Gillibrand I worked for ten dollars for five years. At TMC I started out at fourteen an hour and have been moved up to nineteen an hour.

This job has let me stay in Ca. and afford to buy a house in Simi Valley. My wife and I are very thankful to TMC for everything. In fact it's the safest place I've ever worked. We have weekly safety meeting and updates on production.

Thank you

Richard Thompson
1831 Burch Ave. Simi Valley
Ca. 93063

SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

MY NAME IS JAMES R LANKFORD
I HAVE WORKED FOR T.M.C. FOR
5 1/2 YEARS. I AM A MACHANIC
FOR BOTH THE MIXER & HEAVY DUTY
DEPARTMENT. I MAKE JUST OVER
20⁰⁰ PER HOUR.

T.M.C HAS HELD MANY SAFETY &
OTHER TRAINING COURSE. OVER
THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN WITH
THEM. IT HAS BEEN A GOOD
LIVING FOR MY FAMILY AND
OTHERS THAT I WORK WITH.
I HAVE RAISED THREE DOUGHTERS
AND NOW THREE GRAND KIDS.
AND HOPE THAT T.M.C. CONTINUES
TO STAY IN ~~BUTTES~~ VENTURA
COUNTY.

JAMES R. Lankford
617 Boulder ST
Fillmore CA 93015

James R Lankford

4-12-99

DEAR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH

My NAME is Philly's Avila, I'm THE PRODUCTION FOREMAN AT T.M.C. IN MOORPARK, I HAVE WORKED AT T.M.C. FOR 5 YEARS. MY EXPERIENCE WITH T.M.C. HAS BEEN VERY POSITIVE, THEIR WAGES ARE VERY COMPETATIVE, AS WE MAKE FROM 15⁰⁰ TO 20⁰⁰ AN HOUR. THEY ARE A VERY SAFETY ORIENTATED COMPANY. AS THEY CONSTANTLY HAVE TRAINING FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES. THIS JOB IS WHAT FEEDS MY FAMILY AND HOPE TO FEED MY FAMILY FOR ALOT OF YEARS TO COME. THE SOLEDAD PROJECT IS A BIG PLUS FOR IT WILL CREATE JOBS & REVENUE FOR YOUR DISTRICT

Thank You
Philly's Avila

Phillip Avila
343 LOS SERENOS DR
Fillmore, CALIF 93015

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Supervisor Antonovich

I am a scraper op. and I've worked
for TMC for 2 years. I make \$17.00 an
hour and I like working for TMC. I
would someday like to work at the
Soladad site. My job supports me
very well with rent and car payments.
TMC is safe and environmentally
sound. I hope you consider opening
our plant Thank you.

Dan Steele
213 Sharon LN
Port Hueneue CA 93041
4/12/99

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SANTOS Garcia

421 OLD TELEGRAPH Rd.

Fillmore CA. 93015

Supervisor Antonovitch

I'm writing to you, to let you know that I wish you are thinking of passing the plan for TMC on opening the new plant at Solided Canyon. I've been working for TMC for 2 years and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I started at the rock plant and from there I've got the chance to learn more, like the loader and mud press. It's a good paying job and with job I'm able to support my family very good. So I hope you support the plan.

Thank You.

IS-42

4-12-99

Dear Supervisor Amstad

I am in with Sager and Lamberson
and wife 1850 hr. The company is very good
to me and family

Paul Willis
2800 Willis Ave
Pamunee Center

Dear Supervisor Antonovich

I have worked for T.M.C. for about four years, and have had steady work, and make about nineteen Dollars an hour. I have worked in L.A. County off and on since 1975. T.M.C. has very High Safety and Environmental Standards. I work as a heavy Equipment Operator. This job is very Important to me and my family. Thanks for considering This.

David Bam

David Bam

1079 Lookout Rock Trail

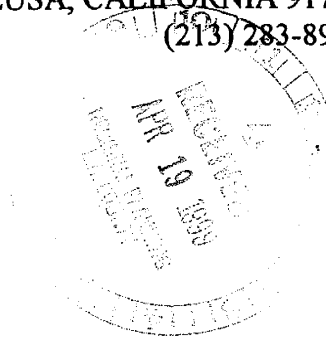
Simi Valley CA 93063

TRIANGLE TRUCK PARTS, INC.

300 S. IRWINDALE AVENUE
(626) 334-0271

AZUSA, CALIFORNIA 91702
(213) 283-8948

FAX (626) 969-5620



April 12, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

We at Triangle Truck Parts would like to express our support for Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Our company provides TMC with general truck parts, and we feel that the expansion of their organization would be a positive asset to the community. TMC would provide new employment opportunities, as well as additional aggregate materials needed for Los Angeles County.

Triangle Truck Parts is pleased to do business with TMC and request that you approve their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad area. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

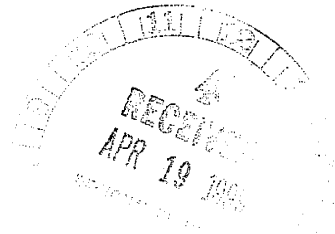
Sincerely,

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Dale Scott

CUTTING EDGE SUPPLY

April 12, 1999



Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

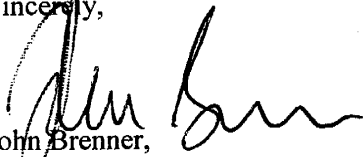
Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Cutting Edge Supply Company has been providing digging, rigging and machining needs for Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) aggregate operations. We support TMC's application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area, and request that you approve their application.

TMC is an environmentally conscious and reputable company. Their sand and gravel mining operations generate many jobs and contribute greatly to the area's economy. Cutting Edge Supply Company is pleased to do business with firms like TMC and would appreciate the Planning Commission's support in the permit approval process for TMC's new mining operation in the Soledad area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


John Brenner,
President

REGIONAL CREDIT DEPARTMENT



April 12, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

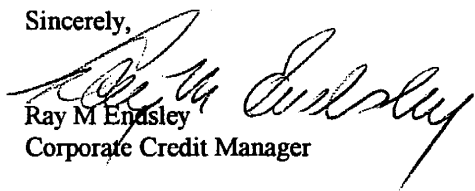
Dear Mr. Koutnik:

I am writing to express my support, and ask for yours, for Southdown/TMC's proposed mining project in the Soledad Canyon. As an employee of Southdown's, I have worked in the Cement, Ready Mix and Aggregates industries most of my adult life. From my perspective, it is easy to see the increasing need for the sand and gravel material in the Soledad Canyon area for use in ready mix concrete. Ready mix concrete is such a vital building material that any event that reduced it's supply or dramatically increased it's cost would be very bad for the construction industry in all of Southern California.

I am enclosing a one page fact sheet for your review and awareness.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns for the Soledad Project. I would appreciate your support of this project so critical to Los Angeles County's future. Thousands of jobs could well depend on the approval of this project's proposals.

Sincerely,


Ray M Endsley
Corporate Credit Manager

encs:

Soledad Canyon Mining Project

The Soledad Canyon Mining Project proposes to mine 56 million tons of aggregate material (sand and gravel) over 20 years. The resources from the Soledad Canyon are necessary to replace the rapidly depleting current supplies. If the resources are unavailable, Los Angeles County will need to obtain material from more distant locations.

If Southdown's Soledad Canyon Project is not approved, then it would cost Los Angeles County \$170 million extra to transport aggregate material need in the San Fernando Valley and the greater Los Angeles area, from more distant locations in the Palmdale area, which material otherwise would be provided from Soledad Canyon. The direct increase to public agencies, which use 50% of the aggregate, would be over \$85 million.

- ❖ San Fernando Valley is projected to be depleted of aggregate material by Year 2001.
- ❖ Without new permits, the entire County is projected to be depleted of aggregate material by the Year 2016.
- ❖ The Soledad Canyon Project will produce 56 million tons of aggregate material over a 20-year period, which averages to 2.8 million tons per year.
- ❖ Without the Soledad Canyon Project, 56 million tons of material will have to travel from the next closest location, 25 miles away in Palmdale, in order to meet the County need.
- ❖ Over one hundred million truck miles will be needed in order to haul 56 million tons of aggregate material the extra 25 miles to the same market.
- ❖ Approximately 50% of all aggregate produced is utilized in public works projects, including airport expansions, school construction, highway maintenance and construction, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects and wastewater treatment facility expansions.
- ❖ The Federal Government owns and manages substantial aggregate mineral resources in the Soledad Canyon area of Los Angeles County, which are essential to meeting the infrastructure needs of the County.
- ❖ The Soledad Canyon contract site, and most of the adjoining Federal minerals have been designated by the State of California as "Regionally Significant," based upon the quality of material, and the need for and availability of aggregate in this region.
- ❖ Over the next 25 years, the County will consume 900 million tons of aggregate. This is equivalent to 16 mines the size of Southdown's Soledad project.



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75 Paseo Adelanto
Perris
California 92570
Phone: (909) 943-4531

M **IS-47**
F
Perris
California 92572
FAX (909) 940-4085

SPAULDING EQUIPMENT CO.

April 12, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

This letter is regarding Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Our company supplies TMC with heavy equipment parts for their aggregate operations and other heavy equipment.

TMC is a good, reputable company that provides many jobs for the area residents. They are environmentally conscious and their products are essential for future growth. We at Spaulding Equipment Company are pleased to do business with TMC and request that you approve their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jerry Blodgett

April 12, 1999

Tina M. Grotjohn
319 Woodglen Drive
San Dimas, CA 91773
(714) 985-4053

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Darryl Koutnik



Dear Mr. Koutnik;

This letter is to support Southdown, Transit Mixed Concrete's proposed mining project in Soledad Canyon in unincorporated northern Los Angeles County. As an employee of Southdown, I have worked in facilities similar to the one proposed for Soledad Canyon and have seen the increasing need for the sand and gravel material used in ready mixed concrete.

I have witnessed, firsthand, the amount of material. Our largest current site, in Azusa, is nearly depleted. With construction, development and maintenance of projects throughout the Valley increasing every day, it is important to find materials that will allow the San Gabriel Valley to continue its projects.

The project in Soledad Canyon proposes to mine 56 million tons of aggregate material. This amount is a fraction of the aggregate material necessary for Los Angeles County to keep pace with the amount it uses. Without this location, materials would have to be trucked in from Palmdale, at an increased distance of 25 miles and increased cost of \$3.00 per ton for the extra miles traveled.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns on this project. I would appreciate your support of this critical project in Los Angeles County and I look forward to your response on how we will tackle this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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Tina M. Grotjohn

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April 13, 1999

Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Surface Mining Permit Number 91-165, Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Project

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in support of the above referenced project. I am employed in the construction industry and am a resident of an area that will benefit from the availability of materials from the subject quarry.

Sincerely,



Sandy Lam
9826 Gerald Avenue
North Hills, CA 91343

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To	DR. DARRYL KOUTNIK	
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From	SANDY LAM	
Phone#		

The Silver Family

Richard, Melanie, Ronnie and Ryan
4829 Wilson Street
Chino, CA 91710
(909) 591-9754
E-mail Silver4444@aol.com

April 13, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

In support of the Transit Mixed Concrete Company (TMC) Soledad Quarry and the required permit from the County of Los Angeles.

I have worked for TMC since 1989. I am currently the Plant Oiler. TMC has been very good to me and my family, I made over \$65,000.00 last year which is two thirds of my family income. I enjoy working for TMC and plan to work for the company until I retire.

Transit Mixed Concrete has always been a responsible company from the hiring process. They make every employee take a drug test. Also, they have weekly safety meetings and have their certified, responsible personnel thoroughly trained in their specific field. TMC has always taken care of the well being of their employees.

Please support the opening of the Soledad Quarry as this will benefit all it's employees as well as the Los Angeles County. I appreciate your time and support as so does my family.

Sincerely,

Richard Silver

cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich



4-13-99



To Whom May Concern

I Support Southdown's Rock Quarry Plans,
Southdown is a professional company and
are successful in ALL of their Business Practice!

I Believe a Rock Quarry will Be very Successful
in The growth of Southdown.

Santa Paula
Ready Mix Driver

Thank you
Mike McCormick
525 ACACIA Rd
Santa Paula, CA
93060

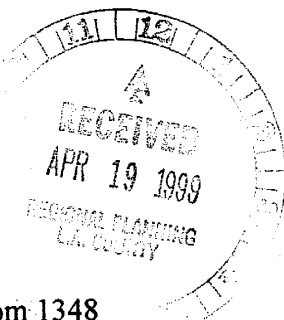


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April 13, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012



Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

This letter is regarding Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) application for permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Our company has worked with TMC in providing general construction services for their aggregate operations for some time now.

TMC is a credit to the community; they are a reputable, environmentally concerned organization and have generated many jobs for the area residents. T. W. Construction is pleased to do business with TMC and requests that you approve their application for permit to open a new mining operation in the Soledad Canyon area.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Tim Wilson
T. W. Construction

April 13, 1999

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County of Los Angeles
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320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

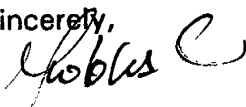
Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Prime Environmental Service would like to express our support for Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Our Company disposes used oil for TMC's operations, and we feel that they are a reputable, environmentally concerned organization.

Prime Environmental Service is pleased to do business with firms like TMC and request that you approve their application. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Raymond Robles

April 13, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Koutnik:

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As an employee of Southdown/TMC, the mining company permitted to mine the site, I would like to bring to your attention this critical issue facing the county. Currently, Los Angeles County receives its material (aggregate) from several sites; however, because of a diminishing supply, the county is projected to run out of material by the year 2016. The San Fernando Valley is projected to be depleted of aggregate material by 2001. Without new permits, the county will not have the resources necessary to build public works projects.

Southdown/TMC has worked in the county for decades to provide the aggregate materials needed for county growth, development and improvement.

I would greatly appreciate your support of this critical county-wide project.

Very truly yours,

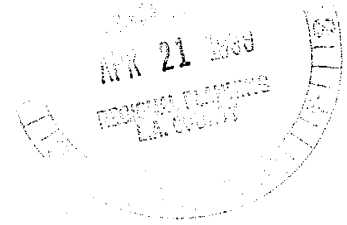
SOUTHDOWN, INC.



Marty Gilliland
Executive Secretary
Southdown California Aggregates, Inc.

April 14, 1999

LEE W MEDLIN
832 W JACARANDA ST
ONTARIO, CA 91762



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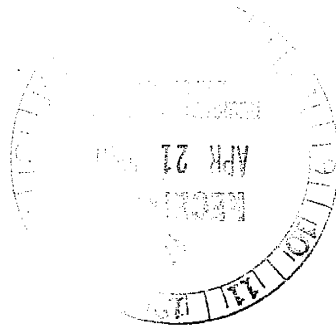
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Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project.

Sincerely,

Lee W Medlin

April 14, 1999



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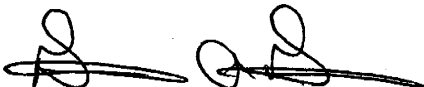
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Sincerely,


Gary A Garcia

April 14, 1999



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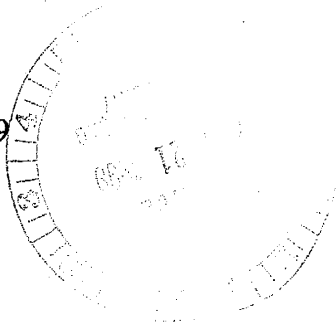
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Sincerely,

Ernest Wicbe

April 14, 1999



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Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project.

Sincerely,

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HOSE-MAN, Inc.

5397 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706-2025
(626) 960-5091
FAX (626) 960-0857

April 14, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

My company, The Hose-Man, supplies Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC), a division of Southdown, Inc., hoses for their aggregate operations. We understand that TMC has applied for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. We support this measure and request that you approve their application.

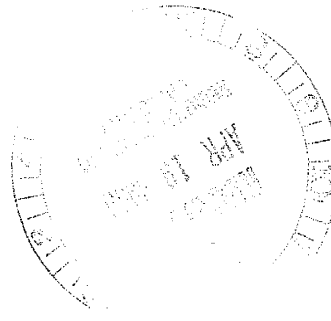
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Al Rinen
Sales Manager

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April 14, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Western States Converters and Transmissions has been servicing Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) trucks and heavy equipment at their aggregate operations. We support TMC's application.

Western States is pleased to do business with firms like TMC. Their sand and gravel mining operations generate many jobs and contribute greatly to the area's economy. We would appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sam Clemmons
President/owner

A handwritten signature of Sam Clemmons, consisting of a stylized first name and a surname with a large, sweeping flourish.

CC: Transit Mixed Concrete

4/14/99

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Darryl Koutnik:

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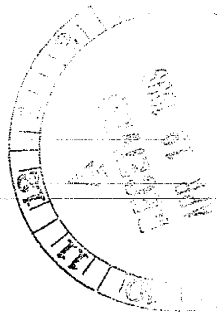
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Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns on this project. I would appreciate your support of this critical project in Los Angeles County. It will provide all of us building materials we will need for the Twenty-first century.

Sincerely,

Renato N. Scotti
Customer Service Representative
Southdown Concrete Products Inc.

9721 BRILLIANT LANE
ALTA LOMA, CA 91737





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The Abbey-Scherer Company

3130 Airway Avenue, Costa Mesa, California 92626
(714) 540-2011 • WATS 800-468-2157 • FAX (714) 557-5132

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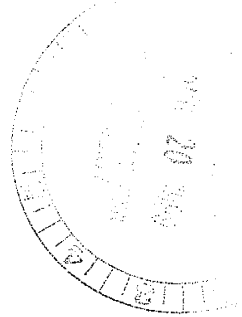
Caryn Sanders
Manager

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Los Angeles, Ca 90012



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As an employee of Southdown the mining company permitted to mine the site I would like to share a very critical issue facing L.A. County and some of the surrounding counties in the very near future.

Currently Los Angeles receives its material from several sites, however because of a very diminishing supply. The county is projected to run out of material by the year 2016. The San Fernando Valley is projected to be depleted of material in the very near future year 2001.

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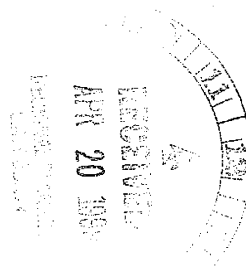
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Hyatt", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Dave Hyatt,

April 14, 1999

From DAVID ESPINOSA
934 MANCOS PL.
ANAHEIM, CA. 92806
READY MIX CUSTOMER
WORK-949 728-1463
HOME-714 491-8342



Dear Sirs:

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Southdown / TMC has worked in the County for decades to provide the aggregate materials needed for County growth, development and improvement.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project.

Sincerely,

David Espinosa

April 14, 1999

Jeff Johnson
425 Merrimac Way A-204
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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FROM: PHILIP MASON
39988 CANDY APPLE WAY
MURRIETA, CA. 92562
PLANT MANAGER REDIMIX BATCH PLANT
WORK PH# (949) 728-1463 FAX (949) 728-1465
HOME PH# (949) 696-7089 FAX (949) 696-7089

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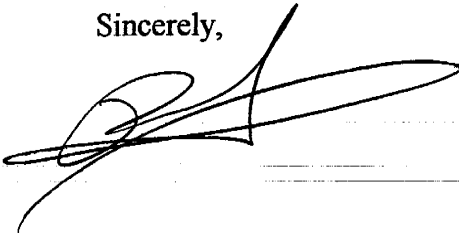
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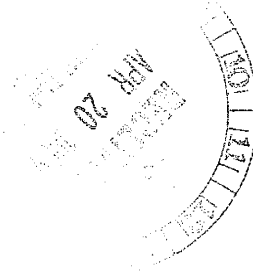
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April 14, 1999

SHAWN PRIDDY
2820 BREA BLVD. #C
FULLERTON CA 92835



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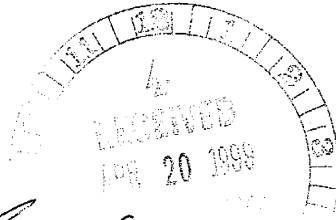
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April 14, 1999



David T. Ramos
4917 W. Progreso ST
SANTA ANA, CA. 92703

CUSTOMER PICKS REPRESENTATIVE

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April 14, 1999

Robert S. Gil
16072 Springdale St #118
Huntington Beach, CA.

Customer Field Rep.
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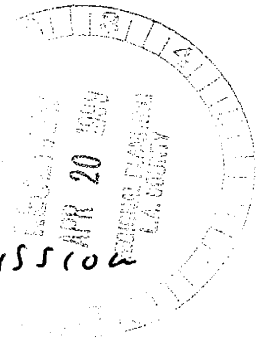
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APR 14 1999

MR. DARRYL KOUTNIK
L.A. COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



MR. KOUTNIK:

AS AN EMPLOYEE OF SOUTH-
DOWN CONCRETE I AM WRITING TO
EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR SOUTHDOWN'S
MINING PROJECT IN SOLEDAD CANYON.

WITH DEVELOPMENT OF THE
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND SURROUND-
ING AREAS INCREASING, THIS PROJECT
IS NEEDED TO SUPPLY MATERIAL FOR
SOUTHDOWN'S CONCRETE PLANTS.

THE MATERIAL HAS TO COME FROM
SOMEWHERE. IF NOT SOLEDAD, THEN
FROM PALMDALE, PUTTING MORE
TRUCK MILES ON HIGHWAY 14, IN-
CREASING AIR POLLUTION AND HIGHER
CONCRETE PRICES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
I HOPE YOU SUPPORT THIS PROJECT

SINCERELY:

RICK HULL
11401 W. TOPANGA. #26
CITY OF WORTH CA.
9/311

April 14, 1999

BILL VODENICHAR
MIXER DRIVER
21672 LANAK
MISSION VIEJO, CA 92692

Dear Sirs:

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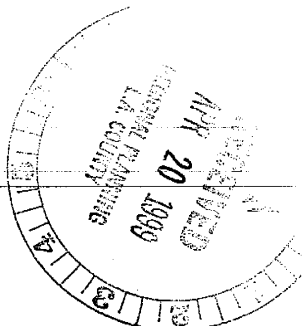
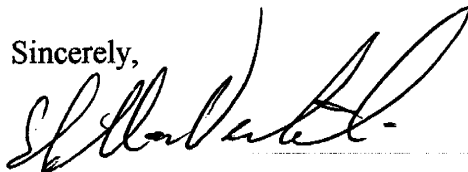
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April 14, 1999

RON MONSOUR
27091 Calle Caballero
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO 92675

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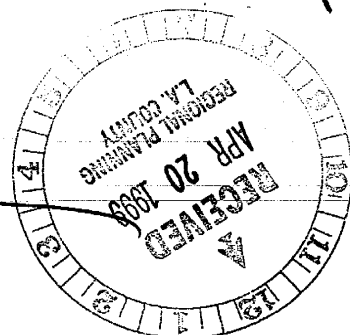
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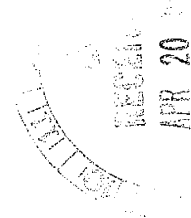
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Sincerely,



Nick Brooks
Southdown Concrete
Ventura County Dispatcher
380 Bonnieview RD.
Moorpark, Ca. 93021



To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Federal Government mining project in the Soledad Canyon area of Los Angeles. This site has been designated as a regionally significant site, by the Federal Government, which owns and manages the mining of sand and gravel material essential for meeting the building, construction and maintenance needs for the Los Angeles County.

Soledad Canyon proposes to mine 56 million ton of aggregate material. This amount is a fraction of the material necessary for the Los Angeles County, to keep pace with the amount it uses. Without this site, and these materials The San Fernando Valley is projected to run out of material by the year 2001. The County of Los Angeles, is set to deplinish it's resources by the year 2016.

Without these new permits, the county will not have the resources necessary to build it's public works projects, in addition to having aggregate material available for maintenance projects.

Your support on the Soledad Canyon project would be greatly appreciated, and I am looking forward to a response and resolution to this issue.

Sincerely.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of Nick Brooks, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Nick Brooks

Date

Name Juan Carlos Rodriguez
Title driver
Address 635 main st
City, State, Zip PIRU CA 93040-257

Dear Name:

I am writing to express my support for Southdown/TMC's proposed mining project in Soledad Canyon in unincorporated northern Los Angeles County. As an employee of Southdown/TMC, I have worked in facilities similar to the one proposed for Soledad Canyon and have seen the increasing need for the sand and gravel material used in ready-mix concrete.

I have witnessed, firsthand, the amount of material, known as aggregate, that is taken from our facility to be used in public works projects, including schools, highways, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects, and wastewater treatment facility expansions, in addition to having material available for maintenance projects.

The San Gabriel Valley is running out of material. Our largest current site, in Azusa, is nearly depleted. With construction, development and maintenance of projects throughout the Valley increasing every day, it is important to find materials that will allow the San Gabriel Valley to continue its projects.

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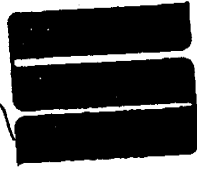
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Sincerely,

Name



To whom it may concern



I Duane Crecelius, are in support of the Soledad Canyon Quarry as it is essential to the company that I work for to get the materials we need in order to do the job we do. with out the materials from this quarry I and my fellow workers my be out of a job. I know we all need our jobs to support our homes and family. like I said with out the material from this quarry Southdown Concrete and I myself will be hurt, So Im in favor of the Soledad Canyon Quarry.

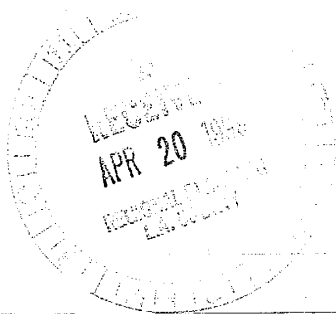
Thank You Driver Southdown Concrete

Duane Crecelius

316 E. Conejo Dr

Ojai Ca. 93023

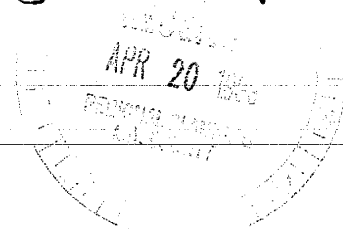
Ready mix Driver Santa Palua





TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, FRANK MADRID Am IN FAVOR FOR SOUTHDOWN/TMC'S PROPOSED MINING PROJECT IN SOLEDAD CANYON IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS AN EMPLOYEE OF SOUTHDOWN/TMC, I HAVE WORKED IN FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THE ONE PROPOSED FOR SOLEDAD CANYON. I HAVE ALSO SEEN THE INCREASING NEED FOR SAND & GRAVEL IN READY MIX CONCRETE BUSINESS. THE PROJECT IN SOLEDAD CANYON PROPOSES TO MINE 56 MILLIONS TONS OF AGGREGATE MATERIAL THIS AMOUNT IS A FRACTION OF THE AGGREGATE MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO KEEP PACE WITH THE AMOUNT IT USES. THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW MY CONCERNS ON THE PROJECT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS CRITICAL PROJECT.



Sincerely
Frank Madrid

Southdown Concrete Products, Inc.

2601 SATURN STREET SUITE 200
BREA, CALIFORNIA 92821 (714) 985-4190

DRIVER: SANTA PAULA PLANT

April 15, 1999

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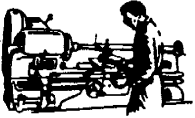
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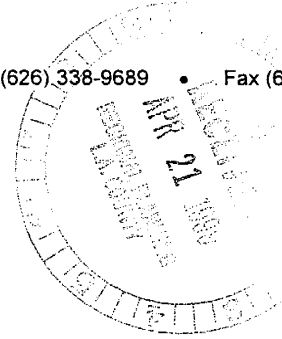
Yvonne Hitchcock
Sales Assistant



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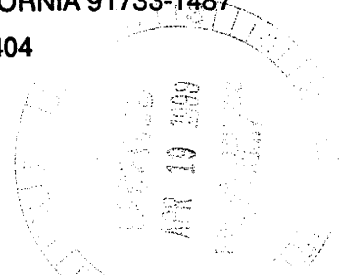
Anthony Rubio

Rigoli Fire Equipment Co., Inc.

2526 NORTH LOMA AVENUE -- SOUTH EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA 91733-1487

Telephone: (626) 579-9830 --- (213) 485-8404

FAX (626) 579-9528



April 15, 1999

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

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Kurt Rexius

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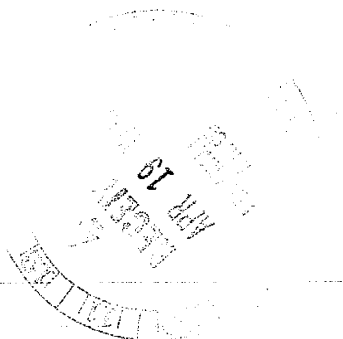
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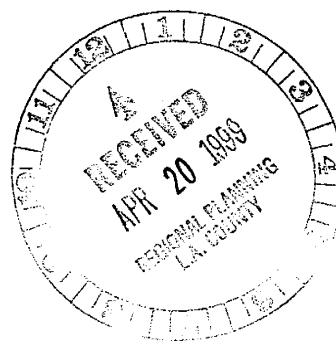
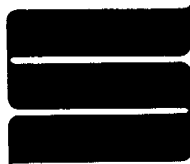
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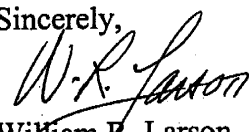
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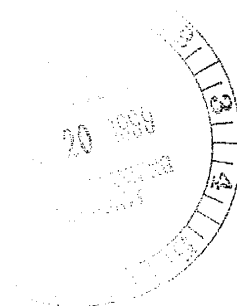
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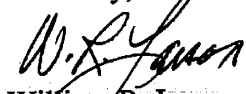
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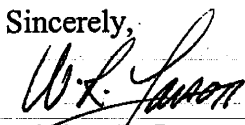
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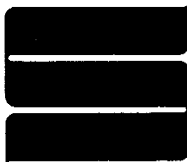
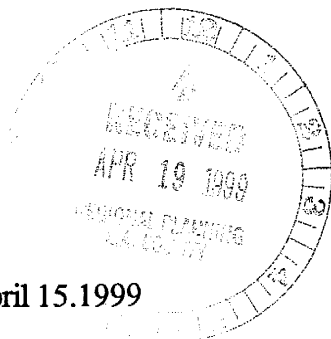
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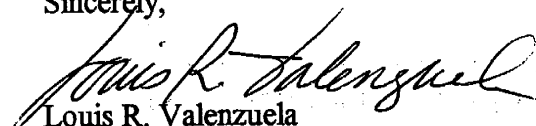
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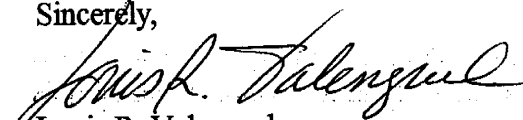
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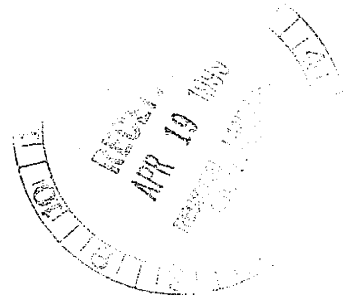
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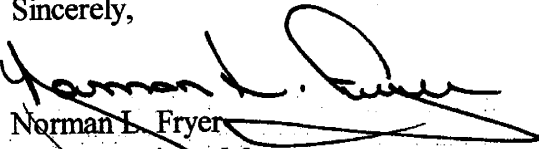
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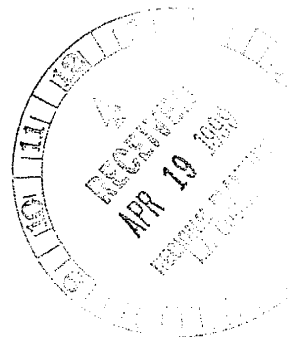
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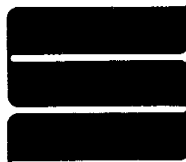
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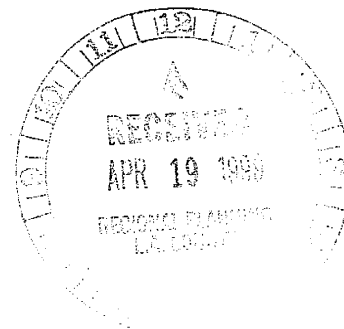
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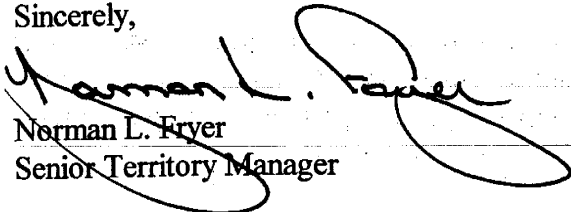
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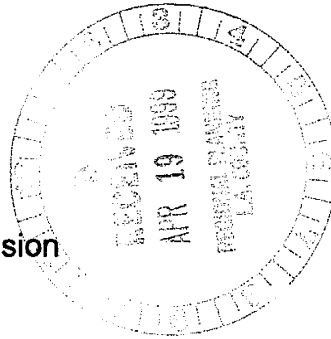
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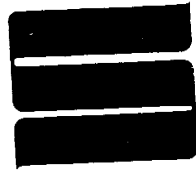
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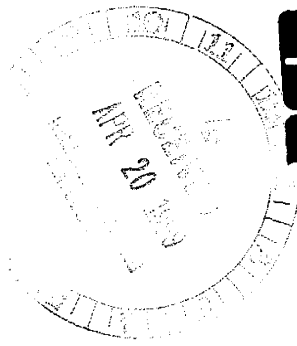
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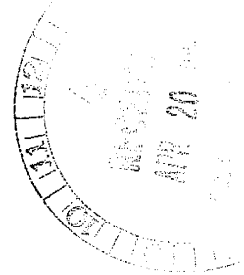
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CAMARILLO CA
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I support Southdown / TMC proposed mining project in Soledad Canyon. I work At the SANTA PAULA plant and have seen first hand the need for the increased ~~sand~~ & gravel material used in ready mix concrete.

If SAN FERENANDO VALLEY does run out of aggregate by the year 2001 AND there is not a new source of aggregate we could all lose our job due to the high cost of

Truck it in from other none South Down company. This in closing, this proposal for a sand and gravel operation in Soledad Canyon is a win win situation. not for just the coprate but for the security and welfare of our families

Thank
Rick Conley

Art J Negrete
1058 Ashbury Ct
Camarillo Calif.

As an employee of Southdown and having a minning operation would certainly help in keeping my employment. This would give Southdown a competitive edge within the Industry and thus keep our Concrete Plant open

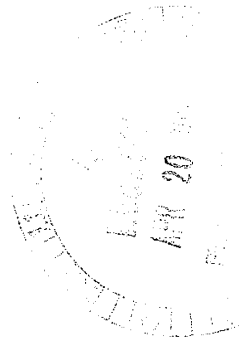
As a home owner I've seen the prices of houseing skyrocket. Any kind of construction cost ~~work~~ or improvements to ones house are unbelievable. I've grown up in this area and many childrens freinds have had to move out of the area to own a home

as a parent I hope some day my kids can own a home in the area they grew up in

we have to find away to keep costs down if we have to import aggregate from along distance the price of concrete will certainly increase

Thank you
Art J Negrete

15 APRIL 1999



DEAR SIRs:

As an employee of Southdown/TMC, I wish to express my support for Southdown's proposed mining project in the Soledad Canyon. The need for raw materials to supply the concrete industry has never been greater and the shorter the distance these materials have to be trucked, the better it would be for all concerned. If the continued development of the San Fernando Valley and the greater Los Angeles area is important to you and if you are concerned for safety on the highway as reflected in reduced truck miles, I would respectfully request your approving the Soledad aggregate mining project. Thank you.

Wayne Adams
219 MILLBRAE CT.
VENTURA, CA. 93004

4-15-99

KEVIN CORPUZ

MIXER DRIVER
3801 SOUTH F STREET
OXNARD, CA 93033

IM WRITING IN REGARDS ABOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
MINING PROJECT IN THE SOLEDAD CANYON AREA OF THE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY. GOVERNMENT OWNS AND MANAGES THE MINING OF
SAND AND GRAVEL. AS AN EMPLOYEE OF SOUTHDOWN/TMC
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LOT CHEAPER FOR TAXPAYERS AND CONCRETE COMPANYS IF
WE HAVE THE APPROVAL.

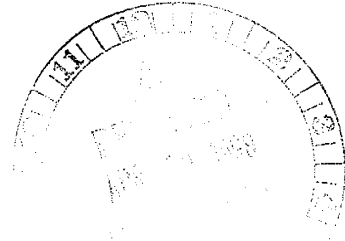
THANK YOU

Km Corpuz

**David C. Wilson
14432 Bronte Drive
Whittier, Ca 90602
562 698 3504**

April 15, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Dear Mr. Koutnik:

As a resident of Los Angeles County I support Southdown/Transit Mixed Concrete Company's proposed mining project in Soledad Canyon. The material scheduled to be mined is necessary to complete various public works projects including but not limited to schools, roads, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water and sewage projects as well as private development.

Due to the limited amount of material located within the Los Angeles County basin I am supporting the approval of the mining permit to provide a lower cost of material to infrastructure projects in Los Angeles County.

Thank you for your taking the time to review my concerns on this project. I would appreciate your support of this critical project in Los Angeles County.

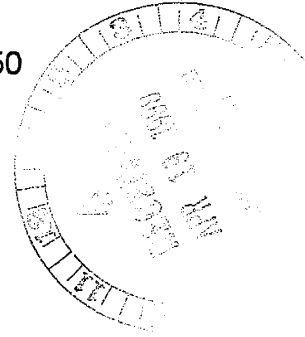
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Wilson", is written over a horizontal line.

David C. Wilson

Robert J. Verbeck
12131 Smokie Lane
Cerritos, California 90703-6950

April 15, 1999



Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Koutnik:

I am writing to ask your support of a Federal government mining project in the Soledad Canyon area of Los Angeles County. The Federal government, which has designated this site as a "regionally significant site," owns and manages the mining of sand and gravel material essential for meeting the building, construction and maintenance needs of Los Angeles County.

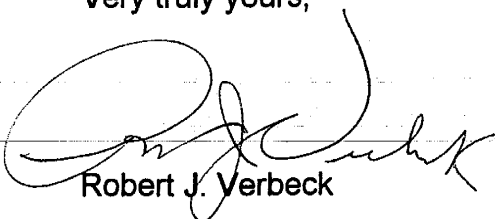
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Without new permits, the county will not have the resources necessary to build public works projects including schools, highways, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects and wastewater treatment facility expansions, in addition to having material available for maintenance projects.

Southdown/TMC has worked in the county for decades to provide the aggregate materials needed for county growth, development and improvement.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns, and I would appreciate your support of this critical county-wide project.

Very truly yours,



Robert J. Verbeck

4-15-99

MR DARRYL KOUTNIK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
320 WEST Temple ST.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

DEAR MR DARRYL KOUTNIK

I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF SOUTHDOWN/TMC'S PROPOSED MINING PROJECT IN SOLEDAD CANYON. AS AN EMPLOYEE OF SOUTHDOWN/TMC I HAVE WORKED IN FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THE ONE PROPOSED FOR SOLEDAD CANYON AND HAVE SEEN THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SAND & GRAVEL USED IN READY MIX CONC.

I HAVE WITNESSED, FIRSTHAND THE AMOUNT OF THIS MATERIAL THAT IS TAKEN FROM OUR FACILITY TO BE USED IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, HIGHWAYS, WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IS PROJECTED TO RUN OUT OF AGGREGATE BY 2001. WITH CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY INCREASING EVERY DAY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE NECESSARY MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW MY CONCERNS ON THIS PROJECT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS CRITICAL PROJECT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT WILL PROVIDE ALL OF US BUILDING MATERIALS WE WILL NEED FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

SINCERELY

Wayne Valley

4-16-99

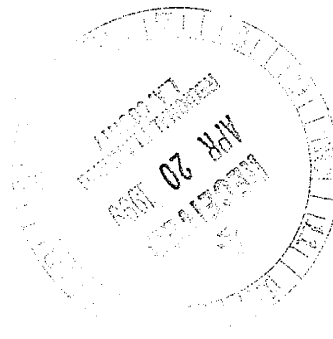
MR DARRYL KOUTNIK
LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
320 WEST TEMPLE ST.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

I HAVE BEEN IN THE CONCRETE, AGGREGATE
BUSSINESS FOR 20 YEARS, AND HAVE BEEN
AWARE OF THE AGGREGATE SHORTAGE IN THE
VERY NEAR FUTURE. I'M ASKING FOR YOUR
SUPPORT IN THE SOLEDAD CANYON AREA OF
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SITE 1. AS AN
EMPLOYEE OF SOUTH DOWNS/TMC THE MINING
COMPANY PERMITTED TO MINE THE SITE 1, IS VERY
PERTINANT TO MY JOB, WITHOUT NEW PERMITS
THE COUNTY WILL NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES
NECESSARY TO BUILD PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
INCLUDING SCHOOLS, HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES,
HOUSING, ETC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIME AND SUPPORT

SINCERELY

Victor A. Alvarado

April 16, 1999
Kevin Mendez
Mechanic
5277 Lynnwood Dr.
Camarillo, Ca. 93012



Dear Mr. Koutnik:

I am writing this letter to show my support for Southdown Mining Project in the Soledad Canyon. I have worked for Southdown for approximately 6 yrs. I have also been in the ready mix industry for about 12 yrs. In this time I have seen thousands of tons of aggregate go through our plants. I have also seen aggregates become harder and harder to acquire.

Aggregates are a very important part of my lively hood and the lively hoods of thousands of others in the Southern California area. Aggregate material is also very important to the safety of all of our friends and families, I.E. the building of new homes, roadways the construction of newer, safer bridges and buildings.

Without the Soledad Canyon Project and the material it produces, The future and safety of many Southern Californians could be at risk, financially and physically.

I would appreciate your support in making this project a reality. Thank you very much for taking the time to hear my concerns on this project.

sincerely.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kevin Mendez'.

Kevin Mendez



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April 16, 1999

Michael Gamboa
Sales Administrator
7851 Melrose St.
Buena Park, CA 90621

Dear Mr. Koutnik,

I am writing to ask your support of a Federal Government mining project in the Soledad Canyon area of Los Angeles County. The Federal Government, which has designated this site as a "regionally significant site," owns and manages the mining of sand and gravel material essential for meeting the building, construction and maintenance needs of Los Angeles County.

As an employee of Southdown/TMC, the mining company permitted to mine the site, I would like to bring to your attention this critical issue facing the County. Currently, Los Angeles County receives its material, called aggregate, from several sites; however, because of a diminishing supply the County is projected to run out of material by the Year 2016. The San Fernando Valley is projected to be depleted of aggregate material by 2001.

Without new permits, the County will not have the resources necessary to build public works projects including schools, highways, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects and wastewater treatment facility expansions, in addition to having material available for maintenance projects.

Southdown/TMC has worked in the County for decades to provide the aggregate materials needed for County growth, development and improvement.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project.

Sincerely,

Michael Gamboa
Southdown Concrete Products, Inc.



Zep Manufacturing Company

13606 Pumice Street

Santa Fe Springs, Ca 90670

(562) 921-0338

April 17, 1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

Zep Manufacturing Company has worked with Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC), a division of Southdown, Inc., providing them cleaning supplies for their aggregate mill operations. We are supporting their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area.

TMC is a reputable, environmentally concerned organization which is a credit to the community. They generate many good jobs and contribute greatly to the tax base of the area. Zep Manufacturing Company is pleased to do business with firms like TMC and request that you approve their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad area.

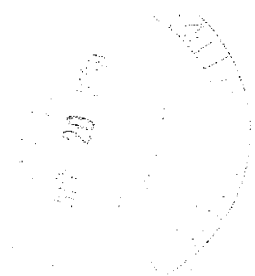
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Larry Beuser

Michael and Shannah Tenner
8337 Jason Avenue
West Hills, California 91304
Tel: (818) 883-8323
Fax: (818) 883-9969

IS-112



April 17, 1999

Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission
320 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Surface Mining Permit Number 91-165, Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel
Mining Project

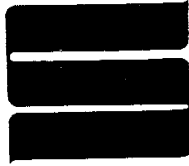
Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this letter in support of the above referenced project. I am employed in the construction industry and am a resident of an area that will benefit from the availability of materials from the subject quarry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Tenner", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Michael A. Tenner



4-18-99

Kevin Lindstedt

Driver
560 S. Greenwich
Anaheim CA, 92804

Dear Mr. Darryl Koutnik

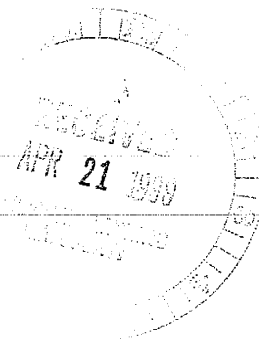
I am writing to ask your support of a Federal Government Mining project in the Soledad Canyon area of Los Angeles. The Government, which has designated this site as a regionally site, manages the mining of the sand and gravel for meeting the building, construction needs of L.A. and Orange County.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns, and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project

Thank

you

Kevin Lindstedt



April 19, 1999

Bobby C. Green, Jr.
Truck Driver
2914 W. Poplar Circle
Rialto, CA 92376

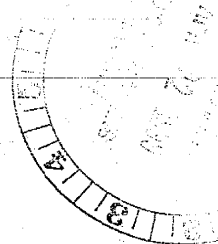
Dear Darruf Kortnik:

I am currently employed with Southdown INC., and would like to give my support and ask for yours in the Salidad Canyon Quarry Project. Without new permits, the County will not have the resources necessary to build public works projects including Schools, Highways, Bridges and other projects.

Southdown/TMC has worked for decades to provide the aggregate materials needed for County Growth, development and improvements. It is also important to my co-workers and myself, it would allow us several more years of employment with Southdown/TMC.

I would like to Thank you for your time.

Bobby C. Green, Jr.





April 19, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Darryl Koutnik:

I am writing to ask your support of a Federal Government mining project in the Soledad Canyon area of Los Angeles County. The Federal Government, which has designated this site as a "regionally significant site," owns and manages the mining of sand and gravel material essential for meeting the building, construction and maintenance needs of Los Angeles County.

As an employee of Southdown/TMC, the mining company permitted to mine the site I would like to bring to your attention this critical issue facing the County. Currently, Los Angeles County receives its material, called aggregate, from several sites; however, because of a diminishing supply the County is projected to run out of material by the Year 2016. The San Fernando Valley is projected to be depleted of aggregate material by 2001.

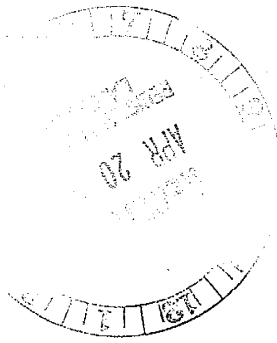
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Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project.

Sincerely,

Raven L Wearf



April 19, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Darryl Koutnik:

I am writing to express my support for Southdown/TMC's proposed mining project in the Soledad Canyon. As an employee of Southdown/TMC, I have worked in facilities similar to the one proposed for Soledad Canyon and have seen the increasing need for the sand and gravel material used in ready-mix concrete.

I have witnessed, firsthand, the amount of this building material, called aggregate, that is taken from our facility to be used in public works projects, including schools, highways, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects and wastewater treatment facility expansions, in addition to having material available for maintenance projects.

The San Fernando Valley is projected to run out of aggregate by 2001. With construction, development and maintenance of projects throughout the Valley increasing every day, it is important to make sure that the necessary materials are available.

The project in Soledad Canyon proposes to mine 56 million tons of aggregate material. This amount is a fraction of the material necessary for Los Angeles County to keep pace with the amount it uses. Without this location, materials would have to be trucked in from Palmdale, at an increased distance of 25 miles and increased cost of \$3.00 per ton for the extra miles traveled with increases in air pollution.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns on this project. I would appreciate your support of this critical project in Los Angeles County. It will provide all of us building materials we will need for the 21st century.

Sincerely,



April 19, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Darryl Koutnik:

I am writing to express my support for Southdown/TMC's proposed mining project in Soledad Canyon in unincorporated northern Los Angeles County. As an employee of Southdown/TMC, I have worked in facilities similar to the one proposed for Soledad Canyon and have seen the increasing need for the sand and gravel material used in ready-mix concrete.

I have witnessed, firsthand, the amount of material, known as aggregate, that is taken from our facility to be used in public works projects, including schools, highways, seismic reinforcement of bridges, water supply projects, and wastewater treatment facility expansions, in addition to having material available for maintenance projects.

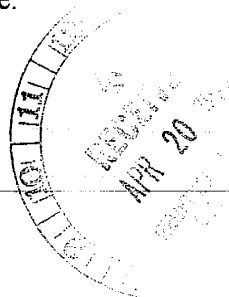
The San Gabriel Valley is running out of material. Our largest current site, in Azusa, is nearly depleted. With construction, development and maintenance of projects throughout the Valley increasing every day, it is important to find materials that will allow the San Gabriel Valley to continue its projects.

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Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns on this project. I would appreciate your support of this critical project in Los Angeles County and I look forward to your response on how we will tackle this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Weary



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April 19, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

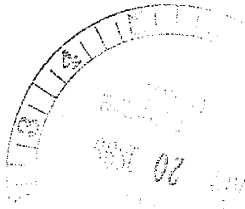
Dear Mr. Koutnik:

I am writing to ask for your support of a Federal Government mining project in the Soledad Canyon area of Los Angeles. This site is designated as a "regionally significant site" which the Federal government manages for mining sand and gravel materials. This site help will meet building, construction and maintenance needs for Los Angeles' growing population.

As an employee of Southdown, the mining company permitted to mine the property; I would like to impress to you the critical issues facing the County. Currently Los Angeles County receives material, referred to as aggregates, from several sites. Because of diminishing reserves and sites, the County is projected to run out of aggregates by the year 2016. The San Fernando Valley could be depleted of aggregates by as early as 2001.

Without new permits to mine, the County will not have the necessary resources to build public works projects including schools, highways, water supply projects and waste water treatment facilities at a reasonable cost to it's tax paying citizens. The importation of aggregates from outside areas will undoubtedly increase construction costs and add to the overall construction budget of the county. This is why it is in the best interest of the County to support this project.

Thank you for taking the time to review the facts and I would appreciate your support on this critical countywide project.



Sincerely,

Rich Vance
Manager Contractor Sales

TRUCK LUBRICATION CO. INC.

APRIL 19,1999

Dr. Darryl Koutnik
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
Impact and Analysis Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

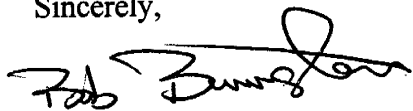
Re: Transit Mixed Concrete Soledad Canyon Mine Permit

Dear Dr. Koutnik:

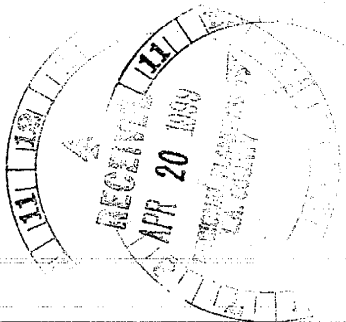
Truck Lubrication Company would like to express our support for Transit Mixed Concrete's (TMC) application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad Canyon area. Our Company services TMC's trucks and we feel that they are a reputable, environmentally concerned organization. Their new operation would be an asset to the community by providing employment opportunities, and by providing the the additional aggregate materials needed for the Los Angeles region.

Truck Lubrication Company is pleased to do business with TMC and request that you approve Their application for a permit to open a new mine in the Soledad area. Thank you for your Consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Bob Bumstead



Monday, April 19, 1999

Mr. Darryl Koutnik
Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Koutnik:

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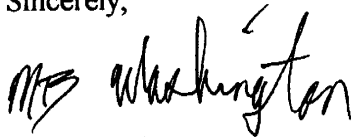
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Southdown/TMC has worked in the County for decades to provide the aggregate materials needed for County growth, development and improvement.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns and I would appreciate your support of this critical countywide project.

Sincerely,



MB Washington

District 5 Supervisor Michael D Antonovich

IS-121

TO WHOM IT MY CONCERN

my NAME is Robert Contreras
I've lived in LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA ALL MY
LIFE, I AM 40 YRS OF AGE, I AM EMPLOYED
WITH TRANSITMIX Concrete CO. ITS MY CONCERN
FOR ME AND MY FAMILY, THAT SORDED QUARRY
DOES OPEN, MY FUTURE WITH TRANSITMIX
IS GREAT, WE HAVE A 401K PLAN FOR
ALL OUR EMPLOYEES, WE ALSO HAVE HEALTH
INSURANCE, I STARTED WORKING FOR TRANSITMIX IN
11-12-96, WITHIN 1 YR AND 9 MONTHS, I've
BECOME, HEAVY DUTY SITE FOREMAN, MY PAY
IS \$24.00 AN HOUR, MY GROSS PAY IS \$70,000⁰⁰ YRLY
WE ALSO GET 2 RAISES A YEAR, FOR PRODUCTION
NUMBERS, PERFORMED, FOR EACH EMPLOYEE,
MY FUTURE IS GREAT, WITH THIS COMPANY.
WE ALL NO HOW HARD, IT IS TO GO AND
START A NEW JOB ALL OUR AGES ARE
FINDED THE SAME, BENEFIT PACKAGE, I GET
A GREAT FEELING THAT ONE PRODUCT, IS EVERYWHERE, ^{you} look
in ARE, HIGHWAYS, ALL COMMUNITIES, I AM GOALS ARE
TO BE THE FIRST BUILDING MATERIALS SUPPLIER
IN Southern Calif, by manufacturing and skill
BEST PRODUCT, deliver them in a safe and
timely manner, providing exceptional service
TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS, while providing a challenging
REWARDING and safe work atmosphere for our
EMPLOYEES. I LIKE ALL THE EMPLOYEES I WORK

with, we all get along. Just GREAT.
I am looking forward to meeting you Saturday
anyway. I hope this letter will
help you make the right choice!

Sincerely,
Kellie A. Anderson



TRANSIT MIXED CONCRETE COMPANY

A Division of Southdown, Inc.

IS-122

September 13, 1999

Ms. Esther Feldman
Chairperson
Regional Planning Commission
County of Los Angeles
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Motion to re-open public comment period Project No. 91165-(5).

Dear Madam Chairperson,

It has come to our attention that at the September 8th Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") public meeting, that testimony and documents were received by the Commission requesting that the public comment period, which closes today, be re-opened and continued to a future date uncertain. It is our understanding that based upon the testimony and document submittal, a motion was made, and a vote was taken, to place on the September 15th Commission agenda a motion to extend for a third time the public comment period. Because there was no notice of this project on the September 8th agenda we were not in attendance, and therefore could not comment.

TMC is given to understand that the request for re-opening the public comment period was based upon the alleged failure of the applicant to provide copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") to applicable school districts. TMC respectfully requests that the public comment period not be re-opened so that TMC might respond to public comments received by the Commission during the already twice extended public comment period. TMC bases this request upon the following facts:

1. It is the County, not the applicant, who determines which public agencies should receive DEIRs. In this case the County determined that there were no impacts to school district services, therefore in conformance with the County's standard practice the applicant was not directed to provide DEIRs to any school district. However, over 200 DEIRs were distributed, and the County directed the applicant to provide DEIR's to any agency which requested one. We complied with this directive.
2. Nonetheless the applicable school districts did receive DEIRs. DEIRs were sent to Mr. Nick Teeter, Superintendent of Business Services for Sulfer Springs Elementary School District; Mr. Robert Lee, District Superintendent, William S. Hart Union High School District; and Mr. Jim Duzick, President of the Governing Board, Acton-Agua Dulce Unified School District. These are the school districts who would be notified if there were any impacts to school districts. Analysis of impacts on schools is required under several

California air quality regulations only if schools are located within 1/4 mile of a proposed project. In this case, there are no existing or proposed schools within 1/4 mile of the proposed project. School districts other than the ones mentioned above are located many miles away which is why the County Department of Regional Planning did not identify them as being in any way impacted.

3. There was no identified impact to schools, or school children. The fact of the matter is that when regulated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, as the air quality district has stated that it will do, this project should not create a measurable increase in dust at any sensitive receptors, including at schools. Please take the time to read the attached letter of Mr. Jeb Stuart, past executive director of the AQMD, which explains why this is so.

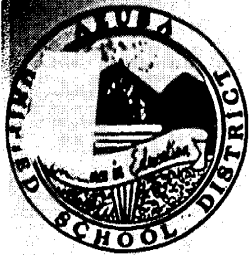
4. Other interested parties have had ample time and notice with which to comment on the DEIR. The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines state that the public review period for DEIRs should not be longer than 60 days except in unusual circumstances. No unusual circumstances exist in relationship to this project which justify further delay, especially considering the fact that the review period has already been twice extended for a total period of over one half of a year. Not only has TMC and the County conducted public meetings located at local schools, there has been extensive press coverage of this proposal.

TMC acknowledges the need for public review and input into the CEQA process. This is why TMC has been proactively engaged in community outreach programs, including many community meetings, including at school sites, since 1995. However, there are many more people who will be affected by the outcome of this permit process including millions of taxpayers and infrastructure utilizers, including our own employees who's livelihoods depend upon the approval of this project. Please allow the CEQA process to continue in a timely fashion, and allow TMC to appropriately respond to public comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian R. Mastin".

Brian R. Mastin
Environmental Affairs Manager



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Azusa Unified School District

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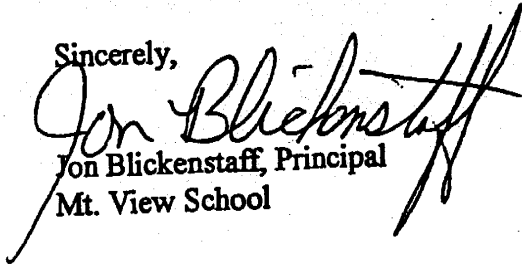
Dear Dan,

All of us at Mt. View School appreciate your generosity and support for our school program. This past summer our playground area was dramatically improved through your donation of sand and concrete. We also appreciated your participation in our Guest Reader Program last spring.

When we developed the concept of the business/school partnership, we discussed the idea of a monetary grant which we would use to purchase books. Specifically, these books would be provided to students in order to enhance their enjoyment of reading in their classrooms. We would use them for our D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Program, a school wide activity which we use daily. We discussed the possibility of \$1000 for this project.

Thank you for your continued interest in public education and support at Mt. View School. We look forward to this positive, ongoing partnership.

Sincerely,


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Date: November 18, 1999

To: Ms. Julie Moore
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From: Burke Hamilton
Principal Murray School
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Re: South Down Aggregates

I am writing on behalf of South Down Aggregates. The company has formed a partnership with our school that is very supportive of advancements that we working towards. Their representative Dan Wagoner attends our Neighborhood Improvement Zone meetings. He has taken an active part in determing how to assist in the volunteering efforts of our Zone.

One of the projects we are attempting to complete at school is a covered patio. There was not enough money available to complete the project the way we had anticipated. I appreciated South Down stepping up and making a donation for all the concrete. Members of South Down will also be a part of the Jr. Achievement program during the spring semester.

I hope that we will be able to continue to develop this partnership with this company. If I could be of further assistance please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Burke Hamilton